

## September 5, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Givens, Brian H. Haupert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the August 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. (Haupert did not attend the previous meeting.)

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Notifications from INDOT stating that two railroad crossing improvements will occur. One is the east-west rail line where it intersects Old U.S. 24 east of Lagro and south of the Blue Star Highway. The other is on 750 E just south of the Blue Star Highway. Norfolk and Southern will complete both projects within a 12 month period, in accordance with Indiana Code 4-21.5.3.
2. Road-cut permit from Matt Whitesel to install a new tile on 750 W ¼ mile north of 700 S. Haupert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Request for approval for equipment and a bed for the two tandem-axle trucks (approved July 3, 2017). The low quote was from W.A. Jones, Columbia City, IN for \$92,063 per truck. Haupert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Stated the 2017 IACC Annual Conference will be held in November (11/28-11/30/17) and asked who would be attending in order to finalize registration and hotel accommodations. All commissioners plan to attend.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 44 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 6 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. No inmates are currently at the Wells County Jail. Last week, there 21 new book-ins and 12 transports to the DOC. The peak population last week was 86.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance for docket ending 9/5/2017.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay ending 8/26/2017.

Keith Gillenwater, President/CEO of Grow Wabash County and Jason Callahan spoke on the Leadership Development Wabash County Program. They noted that changes are being made for 2017-2018 year based in part on feedback from

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previous participants. Gillenwater requested \$2,500 to help offset some of the costs of the program. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request of \$2,500 from EDIT economic development. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested approval of a bulk form user ordinance. In addition to defining the procedure, the ordinance would increase the cost to users from \$.07 to \$.10 per image. Downs stated he found some typos in the draft and requested that they be corrected and the ordinance be submitted for approval next Monday.

Draper also stated she would like to implement DocRouter for e-recording the transfer of documents within the county. Documents will then be able to travel through the e-record system to the offices of the assessor, auditor and recorder. Downs will review an agreement with ePN (eRecording Partners Network) before it is submitted to the commissioners for their approval.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 11, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Josh Sigler.