

**October 2, 2017**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 2, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Givens, Brian H. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to install 370' of a 2" gas main along the east side of Old State Road 15 to provide service to 6173 S Old State Road 15. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated that the annual chip and seal of county roads has ended. A total of 85.3 miles were completed in 2017.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail is currently housing 82 inmates with 44 inmates being housed at the Miami County Jail, 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 5 inmates at the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 22 new book-ins and 10 transports to the DOC. The peak population last week was 95.

Land stated the First Merchants Trust has recalculated the actuary equivalent for the sheriff's pension plan to include the Drop Program. Currently we do not participate in this program. It would be an amendment to our plan which will need to be reviewed and voted on before the end of the year. The merit board approved the amendment on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The commissioners took the proposed amendment under advisement.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented:

1. Ordinance 2017-85-06 to amend General Ordinance 2002-85-03, which prohibits smoking in county buildings. The ordinance needs to be amended to address changes in technology. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-85-06. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-85-06 on second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The Swartz tort claim has reached a settlement pending the commissioners' approval. The plaintiff requested \$100,000 but settled for \$5,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the claim to be paid from liability insurance. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

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1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 10/2/2017.
  2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 9/23/2017.
- The commissioners approved all claims.

Lori Foust, Wabash County Health nurse requested permission to begin training sessions for the use of Naloxone kits (Narcan). The health department will hold weekly training sessions on how to administer Naloxone. The health department will receive an estimated 250 kits through a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health. Several entities have requested training on the use of Naloxone. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob McCallen, Wabash County Circuit Court Judge proposed that the county move to the statewide court case management system commonly known as Odyssey. Mary DePrez, Director and Counsel for Trial Court Technology explained how the program works. Odyssey is state-based system so the county would incur no expenses for the software or training. Some computers will need to be upgraded but the state has grants which may be sought for the cost of the new computers. The county will be responsible for installation of all equipment and ongoing IT maintenance and support. The system allows counties to be able to communicate with each other and also has benefits for the prosecutor and probation departments.

Downs stated he has some questions on the MOU (memorandum of understanding) which he will review with DePrez.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Josh Sigler, Wabash County Clerk Elaine Martin, Wabash County nurse Marcia Payne and Wabash County Treasurer LuAnn Layman.