

MARCH 19, 2012

Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 19, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway. The minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

John Martin, Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a utility permit from NIPSCO requesting permission to construct utility fixtures within county-owned right-of-way at 9063 N 200 W. Givens made a motion to approve request; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented photographs of the 600 W and Angling Road intersection as discussed at last week's meeting; a letter and petition were presented to place two (2) additional stop signs on the west and south bound portions of this intersection. Martin recommended this intersection be made a three (3) way stop. Eppley made a motion to approve Martin's recommendation; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Commissioners requested Martin work with County Attorney Steve Downs to amend the sign ordinance. Martin and Downs agreed.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land:

1. Stated the average daily population for the week ending March 18, 2012 was 73.14; one (1) inmate housed at the Miami County Jail and one (1) in Kosciusko County.
2. Stated two (2) inmates classified as trustees escaped from the Wabash County Jail early Saturday morning. Family members have been contacted. The Sheriff's Department is following up on all leads. Formal charges will be filed this morning.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Stated he will be attending a Gallagher sponsored employee benefit consortium meeting at the Wabash City Hall on Friday, March 23rd.
2. Stated five (5) employee meetings were held last Thursday regarding changes to the employee group health plan. Dils stated 75 individuals were in attendance. A memo will be distributed on Wednesday which provides new payroll deduction amounts and reminds full-time employees that March is open enrollment month for all insurance benefits paid on a pre-tax basis.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director, stated two (2) tornado alert tests will be conducted on Wednesday, March 21st as part of Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

Wabash County Auditor Jane Ridgeway:

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1. Presented the Payroll Claims and Allowance Docket for pay period ended 3/17/12. Commissioners unanimously approved.
2. Presented the Accounts Payable Claims and Allowance Docket for 3/19/12. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.
3. Reviewed the request from Community Corrections to request for a fee increase discussed and taken under advisement at the March 5th meeting. Attorney Downs requested a copy of the original ordinance for review.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, stated he is waiting for details regarding a lease agreement from the Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District for the County Farm as discussed at the March 5th meeting.

Although final employee health insurance premium amounts have not been received from Anthem, the Commissioners agreed to cap the increases to both employees and the county at 5%. Any additional funding required will be paid from the health insurance fund.

Items for Commissioners' review:

Annexation and Boundaries Map from U.S. Census Bureau – has been received and given to Plan Commission Director Mike Howard for further review.

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No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, March 26, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

Reminder: *Joint Executive Session with County Council to be held on Monday, March 26th at 4:00 P.M. to discuss Economic Development.*

Wabash County Council Meeting to be held on Monday, March 26th at 5:00 P.M.

*Approved as written – March 26, 2012