

February 10, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 10, 2014. Chairman Scott E Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three members present: Givens, Brian K. Haupert, and Barry J Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a breakdown of the of the overtime hours worked along with the material and equipment costs incurred since January 1st due to the winter weather.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 79 inmates with eight inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were three transports and 17 bookings. The peak population was 83.
2. Presented the contract from Correctional Healthcare Companies (CHC) for the commissioner's signatures. The contract was approved on January 27. It is effective January 1 through December 31, 2014 and includes a 3% increase from the previous year. Commissioners signed the contract.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for the pay ending February 1, 2014.
2. IDEM notice of CFO renewal for Dale Farms, Inc.

Sarah Lochner, Wabash County Chief Probation Officer requested approval to submit an additional appropriation request to the Wabash County Council for the purchase of a new copier. The current copier is seven years old and will only print three pages before shutting down. Lochner stated she had three quotes and is requesting permission to proceed with the lowest quote to be paid from Adult Probation User Fee money. Eppley made a motion to purchase the copier as an emergency request and submit the additional appropriation to the council on February 24. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

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James Derck with LaFontaine Gravel, Inc. asked why his company has not been awarded any business from the county with regard to the purchase of sand. He stated the county highway department is paying more for sand from an out-of-county company than it would cost from LaFontaine Gravel. The commissioners stated they would check into this matter and let him know their findings.

The commissioners received a letter from the Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel recommending that the county use Accurate Assessments for the cyclical reassessment, annual trending and new construction assessments, even though that company was not the lowest bidder. The letter stated that Accurate Assessments has worked with the county since 1999 and there would not be any additional charges for work performed as there likely would be with the other company. Hauptert made the motion to accept the contract with Accurate Assessments. Eppley seconded the motion; it carried by 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, February 17, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Nick Van Heest.