

**May 27, 2014**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 27, 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 May 19, 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:

1. The State Board of Accounts annual operations report for local roads and streets. The commissioners signed the report.
2. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under 150 W at 677 N to provide service to a customer. Haupert made the motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A road-cut permit to replace an existing 12" tile on 950 S west of 200 E. Eppley made the motion to approve the permit. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff Department reported:

1. The Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 15 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 11 transports and 29 bookings. The peak population was 91.
2. As discussed during previous meetings, he is now ready to trade-in three vehicles, which will remove all the Ford Crown Victoria cars from the fleet. Currently two are titled to the Wabash County Sheriff's Department and one to the Wabash County Board of Commissioners. Givens signed the title in the name of the commissioners. Land will take care of the other two titles. Future titles will be issued to the Board of Commissioners.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with no report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator was present with no report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented a letter from Mediacom stating they will be making changes to the local program lineup.

Bill Konyha, President & CEO, Economic Development Group of Wabash County presented a letter for the commissioners to sign stating that Wabash County Government supports the efforts of the City of Wabash to secure a Stellar Community Grant. Haupert made the motion to approve and sign the letter. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The commissioners signed the letter of support.

Eppley stated that the Personnel Administration Committee met and are recommending that department heads include the following in their 2015 budgets:

1. A flat wage increase of \$500 for full-time salaried employees.

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2. A \$.25 per hour increase for full-time hourly employees.
3. Up to a \$.50 per hour increase for part-time employees with a maximum of \$15.60 per hour.

Eppley made the motion to accept the recommendations. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

Eppley also presented a grant application to the Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board to digitally copy commissioner minute books. The grant is for a 50% match for up to \$5,000 from the state with the county paying \$5,814. If requests for the grant monies exceed the amount available, the grant could be denied. In that case, we would amend the application and resubmit if another grant became available. Eppley made the motion to submit the grant application. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, June 2, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Joe Slacian