

July 7, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 7, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three members present: Givens, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Wabash County Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 30, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert 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 was present with no report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 77 inmates with 18 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 10 transports and 16 bookings. The peak population was 81.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director stated that a total of 136 man hours were provided last week to aid in the Fourth of July activities at various sites in the county.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated that commissioner Hauptert suggested that the animal control ordinance should be amended so the Wabash County Animal Shelter, Inc. is responsible for establishing its board of directors not the commissioners. According to the shelter's original articles of incorporation the commissioners appoint an eleven person panel as the Wabash County Animal Control Authority. It was discussed and decided that the animal control ordinance needs to be amended to allow the Wabash County Animal Shelter, Inc. to appoint its own board members. Downs will research and present a recommended amendment. A question was also asked if the Wabash County Animal Shelter, Inc. has the authority to write tickets for violations of the ordinance. Downs stated that only law enforcement officers may write tickets.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator stated:

1. Patrick Sullivan, Wabash Marketplace will be present at next week's meeting to provide an update regarding the Wabash Historical Preservation Commission's efforts to preserve and/or restore the old jail building.
2. Jack Krouse, Construction Control, Inc. has submitted a scope of services letter for the design, bidding and supervision of a proposed construction project at the county jail which would provide additional space for food storage. The professional services fee would be \$16,500. If the commissioners want Construction Control to oversee the project there will be an additional charge of \$1,200 per month. The project is not expected to take more than four months. Eppley made a motion to accept and sign the proposal, including the option to oversee the project. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Deputy Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for the period 07/07/2014.

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2. Notice of hearing for an unsafe building located at 1060 Stitt Street, Wabash.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday July 14, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Joe Slacian