

July 14, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 14, 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 Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the July 7, 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 stated that soil surcharging will begin today on the embankments of Bridge 24 (Ogden Road over Otter Creek). It will take 90 days for the soil to settle before construction may begin.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff's Department reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 17 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 4 transports and 27 bookings. The peak population was 88.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator / HR Director stated:

1. Commissioners received an invitation to attend a Criminal Justice and Detention Facility Seminar in Indianapolis on August 6. If interested reservations are requested.
2. Jack Krouse, Construction Control Inc. will visit the jail on Tuesday afternoon to review the planned addition for kitchen storage.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for the period ending 07/05/2014.
2. IDEM notice – Brooks Construction – permit renewal
3. IDEM notice- Ford Meter Box – modification.

Patrick Sullivan, Wabash Marketplace provided an update regarding efforts to re-purpose the old jail. The building has been placed on Indiana Landmarks 10 Most Endangered list. This program receives extensive media coverage and may help locate funding sources which can be used to shore-up the building. Several articles have been printed in local newspapers and three million dollars has been included in the Stellar Community Grant application. A developer may be able to use some of this money to help re-purpose the building.

Other steps to be taken include:

1. Continue the media campaign.
2. Place synthetic felt over the roof to stop water from entering the building. Don Brothers gave a quote of \$2,500 to guarantee protection for one year.
3. Dehumidify the building after the roof is sealed.

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Sullivan indicated the costs to seal and dehumidify would be funded by Wabash Marketplace or Indiana Landmarks. He agreed to return in the fall with an update after he has more information, including the status of the Stellar Grant.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, July 21, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Eric Seaman