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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 6, 2014. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 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 September 29, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Sheriff Bob Land reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 25 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week, there were 9 transports and 15 bookings. The peak population was 104.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director stated an EMA vehicle was struck and damaged while parked at the scene of another accident. No one was injured. He is obtaining estimates to have the vehicle repaired.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator:

1. Presented the proposed 2015 holiday schedule for Wabash County Government which would follow the state holiday schedule. Haupert made a motion to approve the 2015 holiday schedule. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested that the commissioners appoint a new Veterans' Service Officer. (Five candidates were interviewed.) Haupert made a motion to appoint Robert Brown. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Stated construction of the jail kitchen storage addition is on a temporary hold until several issues can be resolved.
4. The courthouse parking lot was sealed and striped on September 27th.
5. The annual testing of fire alarm and smoke detector system was completed last week in the courthouse and judicial center. Everything passed except two system back-up batteries need to be replaced in the judicial center.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 10-6-2014.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 9-27-2014.

Dale Winger, who resides at 560 W SR 124, cited several concerns regarding a property on SR 124 which has been abandoned and is in foreclosure. The property contains six boats and a large pile of trash. Winger stated he has spoken with Jen Rankin at Solid Waste about removing the boats. Rankin informed him, she may be able to get the boats removed but there may be some trespassing issues which could require that a law enforcement officer be present. Winger has also spoken with Jennifer Scott at the Health Department but she indicated her

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hands are tied. In August, the Planning Commission Board sent a letter to the foreclosure bank In Texas ordering that the property be cleaned-up but to date nothing has happened. Winger stated it is unsightly and he is concerned the debris is attracting rats and other types of animals. Discussions followed concerning possible legal options to have the property cleaned-up and assessed a restitution fee. Givens assured him the commissioners will take a look at correcting this problem.

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

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Joe Slacian.