

December 8, 2014

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 8, 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 December 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Sheriff Bob Land reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 12 inmates at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 13 transports and 16 bookings. The peak population was 88. He also stated:

1. The jail kitchen storage expansion is temporarily on hold due to concerns regarding overhead electrical lines. Last week Land and Jim Dils, met with CCI, Bowman Construction and Duke Energy representatives to determine how to resolve the issue. The best solution is to install a taller pole which may take four to six weeks to schedule and complete.
2. Stated insurance money from a totaled vehicle was approved by the Council and asked that the money be used to purchase a new vehicle. The commissioners agreed.

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

Mike Howard, Plan Director presented a proposed ordinance to change the zoning of a property owned by Mark Coppler, in Paw Paw Township, from Industrial Reserve to General Business. The planning commission previously held a public hearing and the board unanimously agreed to change the zoning. Hauptert made a motion to approve the change as Ordinance 2014-85-19. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading. Hauptert seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-85-19. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented:

1. A proposed release agreement to Westfield Insurance concerning a \$20,000 claim against a bond for the clerk's office. The claim is due to the theft of funds by a former employee.
2. A memorandum of understanding with the Wabash County United Fund. They are changing their fiscal year and will be asking for funds in June instead of December for the following year. This request is to assist with the 2-1-1 Service Agreement.
3. Presented an Extension Contractual Service Agreement between Wabash County and Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service for the amount of \$92,770. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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4. Presented a proposed resolution for approving the transfer of real estate to a nonprofit corporation (Wabash County Hospital) for the public good. Eppley made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-85-15. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator provided a follow-up regarding the previous request for the commissioners to help fund the replacement of the DVR for the security camera system in the judicial center. Probation, Prosecutor and Circuit Court will each provide 25% of the cost. He asked the commissioners to pay the remaining 25% or approximately \$240. The commissioners agreed.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented a request from the Wabash County Tourism Commission recommending Brady Burgess to fill the board position formerly held by Brittany Rager. Hauptert made a motion to approve Burgess. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dr. Wilbur McFadden spoke regarding concerns navigating the telephone system for the courthouse and judicial center. He stated it is extremely difficult to reach the proper person when you do not know their name or extension, and there is no default to an individual to ask for assistance.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will meet on Monday, December 15, 2014 in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer, Rachel Lemon.