March 9, 2015

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 9, 2015. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent requested that the sign ordinance be amended to allow for a stop sign to be placed so vehicles traveling south on Angling Road would have to stop at its intersection with 300 N. The commissioners asked Steve Downs, County Attorney to prepare an amendment.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 19 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. The peak population was 85. There were 5 transports and 23 book-ins.

Land requested approval for a three year lease from Crossroads Bank for two new vehicles. The interest rate will be 2.5% for a total of \$49,214. Givens made a motion to approve the lease. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Barry Grossman with Crossroads Bank presented the contract for signatures.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney requested a second reading of Ordinance 2015-85-01 with regard to the fees charged for services and records by the Wabash County Health Department. Eppley made a motion to approve the ordinance. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Linda Conrad presented the payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 02/28/2015. The commissioners approved and signed.

Latheda Metzger spoke on behalf of several area farmers about Duke Energy's proposal to install in a transmission line which would run through their farms. Metzger asked if the commissioners could look into the project and see if they could help Duke find an alternate route that would be more accommodating to the farmers. The commissioners stated they would look into it.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, March 16, 2015.

Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, The Paper editor Joe Slacian, Stan Dyson and Nelson Dyson.