

June 8, 2015

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 8, 2015. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the June 1, 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 presented two utility permits:

1. Frontier Communications to bore under 700 W to repair service to 1484 S 700 W.
2. CenturyLink to put 540' of cable along 1200 S to provide service at 1960 W 1200 S.

Givens made a motion to approve both utility permits. Eppley second the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also requested permission to bring before the Council an additional appropriation of \$300,000 for bituminous mix and to secure quotes for the repair of Bridge 513 (Vermont Street over Charley Creek) due to an accident. The commissioners approved both requests.

Wabash County Sheriff Bob Land reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 14 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 4 transports and 16 new book-ins. The peak population was 86.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated he approved the contract with the Wabash County Soil and Water District for a three year extension on the lease of the County Farm through 2018. The agreement was approved at the April 20th meeting subject to Mr. Downs' approval.

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

Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad was present with nothing to report.

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Brian Hauptert convened an advertised public hearing for consideration of a petition to vacate a portion of 900 S and 500 W (Bowman Road). Mike Howard, County Planning Director, presented the request on behalf of First Brethren Church of College Corner to vacate a small strip of land (.049 AC) that is currently part of the church parking lot. Eppley made a motion to approve vacating the requested portion of the road. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Charles Signs, Larry Farmer and Chris Haecker all spoke about various concerns regarding the operation of the Wabash County Veterans Service Office. They then

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asked the commissioners for answers. The commissioners informed those present that they would review their questions and concerns.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 15, 2015.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett, Bob Haecker, Evelyn Dingess, Harold Fawley and John Reed.