

July 20, 2015

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 20, 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 July 13, 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 a utility permit from NIPSCO to install a 3" gas main along the north side of 200 N starting at 300 E and running west for 3,600'. There will be eight 4'x4' bell holes on the north side of 200 N and west side of 300 E. Also required will be a directional bore 6' under any culvert or tile and a bore 7' under the creek at the bridge.

Martin also stated commercial trucks are not using the state designated detour for SR 15, and the highway and sheriff's departments are receiving numerous complaints. Martin suggested that a "no commercial trucks ordinance" be put into place to correct the issue. The commissioners agreed. He will provide County Attorney Steve Downs with the details to prepare an ordinance.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 89 inmates with 15 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 5 transports and 20 book-ins. The peak population was 89.

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 the planned power outage at the courthouse and judicial center and the document shredding both went well last week. He thanked Keith Walters and the John Martin for their assistance with these two projects.

Dils presented an initial Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) agreement with Bowen Center for signatures. The one year contract allows all full-time and part-time employees and their families to take advantage of various counseling services which the center offers. The annual cost is \$3,675. Givens made a motion to approve the contract and for it to be paid from group health insurance. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. The accounts payroll claims and allowance docket for 7/20/2015.
2. IDEM notice for Republic Services of Indiana LP dba Wabash Valley Landfill for a change to Title V Administrative Amendment.

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Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer-Living Well in Wabash County COA, Inc. presented the second quarter financial report for the 5311 Public Transportation Grant. Commissioners signed the report. Ferry also stated:

1. The request for public transportation is down but that is normal during the summer months.
2. LWIWC installed a summer “two for one pass” that teens up to 18 years of age have utilized.
3. LWIWC and INDOT hosted a north/south meeting in June at the Urbana community building.

Keith Gillenwater, President & CEO, Economic Development Group of Wabash County presented a semi-annual report. Gillenwater stated there have been 38 active projects and 35 new leads in 2015. Gillenwater stated several community development projects are currently being worked on. He is also working on a proposal for the America’s Best Communities contest.

Steve Jones, Vice President, United Consulting presented an update on the 200 W and Bridge 510 projects.

1. 200 W (where it intersects US 24) – A title search revealed that part of the right-of-way belongs to INDOT. Due to this development, it was decided that instead of realigning the road it would be more cost effective to widen it. Jones requested a \$15,500 amendment to the original contract (\$12,000 to INDOT for permit fees, the \$3,500 for the design change). Jones stated with the widening there will be a construction savings. Eppley made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Bridge 510 (Harrison Street over Charley Creek) – The gas utility line has been relocated. The water company still has a relocation to perform, but must wait until the contractor is given notice to proceed and is able to remove some of the pavement.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 27, 2015.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett, The Paper editor Joe Slacian and Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.