

August 31, 2015

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 31, 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 August 24, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Wabash County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to install gas service at 695 W 250 S. One bell hole will be dug. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated that the chip and seal process on county roads has been started and is expected to cover approximately 43 miles. Four miles have been completed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 90 inmates with 35 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 7 transports and 22 book-ins. The peak population was 90.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative presented proposed Resolution 2015-85-13. It establishes a procedure through which certain persons may prevent their home address from appearing on the county's property data base web sites. Givens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-85-13. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor stated an unsafe building hearing will be held on September 16, 2015 for a structure located at 645 Washington Street.

Commissioner Eppley made a motion to appoint Todd Titus as the county's new Weights & Measures Inspector. (The effective date will be determined after he has been certified by the State.) Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners approved a request for the Miller/Foust wedding to be held on the Roann Covered Bridge on June 12, 2016.

Representatives from Wabash Marketplace, SRKM Architecture and Serenity House provided updates on their continued efforts to assess and investigate possibilities to repurpose the Old Jail. They requested one additional year to try and get funding and grants in place to purchase and refurbish the building. Eppley made a motion to postpone for one year any decision on the future of the Old Jail. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Tuesday September 8, 2015.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, The Paper editor Joe Slacian, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett, Robert Carbaugh, Patrick Tyler, Steve Smith, John Kidd, Emily Gardner, Jeff Kumfer, Brent Martin, Kimberly Pinkerton, Jason Callahan, Sandy Beeks, Sarah Lochner, Kendra Binkley and Parker Beauchamp.