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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 16, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the November 9, 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, Wabash County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Utility permit from NIPSCO to install gas service to 1619 S 300 E. It requires digging two bell holes and boring under 300 E.
2. Utility permit from Vaughn Industries to bore two 2" pipes under 800 E at 1100 N for Duke Energy. The pipes are being installed to power motorized switches in Duke Energy's transmission line.

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

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 91 inmates with 41 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 18 new book-ins and 10 transports to the DOC, with a peak population of 92. Land also stated:

1. The Family Social Services Administration contract is under review and will need signatures when finalized.
2. Two officers have been trained in DNA testing and will begin testing on level six inmates. (Individuals with Class "D" felonies.)

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 presented a quote from DT Construction for \$5,441 to remove old unused piping and repair the ceilings and walls in the courthouse basement restrooms. This work will be completed prior to the start of the remodeling project which was approved September 21, 2015. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote to be paid from Cum Cap Courthouse Renovations. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sandy Beeks, County Central Dispatch Director presented a three-year contract from INdigital and a one-year contract from Frontier Communications. These companies supply data base communication equipment for the county's E911 central dispatch center. Eppley made a motion to take the contracts under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mike Howard, County Plan Director presented proposed Ordinance 2015-85-14 to change the zoning on a small area in LaFontaine from agriculture to general business. Howard stated Core Resources/Family Dollar Store Corp. would like to

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construct a building at the northwest corner of State Road 15 and 1100 S. The Wabash County Plan Commission has already approved the rezoning ordinance at a public hearing. The sewage situation is still being reviewed by the company. Givens stated the citizens of LaFontaine are in favor of this store coming to the town. Givens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-85-14. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Chief Deputy Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 11-16-2015.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for the pay period ending 11-9-2015.

Commissioners reviewed:

- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission (9/9/15 minutes and 11/18/15 agenda)
- Weights and Measures (October 2015 report)

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann and 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett.