

January 19, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert, and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Haupert 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:

1. Utility permit from NIPSCO to dig two bell holes in the right-of-way and bore under 300 W to install gas service at 2276 N 300 W. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Progress report for Bridge 510 (Harrison Avenue over Charley Creek). Beams have been removed and removal of the end bents has started. Pre-drilling of holes for the pilings will begin today.
3. Certification form from the State verifying that two covered bridges exist in Wabash County. The commissioners signed the bridge certification form.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 38 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 22 new book-ins and 6 transports to the DOC with a peak population of 82. Currently there are 18 inmates serving sentences in Wabash County.

Land also stated:

1. Interviews for the open position of jail officer have been completed. There is a possibility that three deputies may be leaving in 2016 so that applicant pool will be considered when filling any such openings.
2. The three new leased vehicles, which were approved previously, have been ordered.

Keith Walters, EMA Director requested permission to purchase a 2003 Chevy Impala from Dorais Chevrolet to replace the 2001 Chevy Impala which has high mileage and needs repairs. The purchase price is \$1,500. Funds to purchase the vehicle will come from the Volunteer Support Fund. The 2001 Impala will be offered for sale via a public bid. Walters will then ask that the amount received be placed back into the Volunteer Support Fund. Haupert made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

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

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Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk stated she applied for a HAVA (Help America Vote Act) grant which was approved. It is a reimbursable federal grant in the amount of \$564.80. (The \$564.80 was spent in September 2015). When the reimbursement arrives it will go into the General Fund.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 1/19/2016.

Hauptert made motions to appoint the following individuals:

- Larry Hoover and Mary Kramer to the Wabash City Plan Commission. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- Stewart Hawley to the Local Alcohol Beverage Board. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- Scott Givens to the Central Dispatch Advisory Board. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, January 25, 2016.

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