

February 1, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 1, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with two commissioners present: Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent stated:

1. After the deck and pile caps on Bridge 510 (Harrison Ave. at Wabash St.) were removed on the east bents, it was discovered that the steel sheet piling was in poor condition. During a meeting last Friday, Primco proposed pouring a concrete cap in front of the piling to prevent further deterioration after the new bridge is built. This will be the most cost effective way to fix the problem but will require a change order. Work on the bridge is progressing and is still on target for a May completion.
2. After reviewing the bids received last week for the 200 W reconstruction project, he recommended approving the low bid of \$69,423.81 from E&B Paving. Hauptert made a motion to approve the low bid. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
3. W.A. Jones has extended their quote of \$71,886 from November for bed and equipment on the second truck that was purchased in December (December 14, 2015 minutes). Martin requested approval to purchase the second bed and equipment from W.A. Jones Inc. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
4. He needs to present two appropriation requests to county council: 1) Bridge 18 - \$35,000 to finish project design and 2) Bridge 510 - \$750,000 to fund construction. Hauptert made a motion to approve submitting both requests. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Major Randy Miller, Wabash County Sheriff's Department reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 78 inmates with 43 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 23 new book-ins and 5 transports to the DOC with a peak population of 87. Currently there are 18 inmates serving sentences in Wabash County.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated:

1. Resolution 2016-85-02 - a policy which would establish materiality thresholds is ready for consideration. The commissioners tabled the resolution for further review.
2. Contracts with Indigital and Frontier have been reviewed for Central Dispatch. The Indigital contract appears to be in order. The Frontier contract is still being studied. Both should be ready for approval next week.

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

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Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 2-1-2016. The commissioners approved the claims.

Jan Williams, Executive Director, Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County presented an overview of the programs which their office has started in Wabash County.

1. Safe Place - a crisis intervention program for children and families. A place where troubled youth may go to get help, guidance and advice on how to handle personal issues.
2. Host Homes - enables troubled youth to take a break from their normal family environment and stay at a volunteer's home for up to two weeks while receiving counseling.
3. Suicide Prevention - provides training and information on how to help those at risk of suicide and trains the community to learn the warning signs and how help those at risk of suicide.

Williams stated a Wabash County advisory board is helping the bureau determine the best programs to meet the needs of the youth in Wabash County.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 8, 2016.

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