

March 14, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 14, 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 Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the March 7, 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 requested signatures on two bid notices:

1. Removal of the viaduct on 700 W (approved February 29, 2016).
2. Salt bids (approved March 7, 2016).

The commissioners signed both documents.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 26 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. There were 10 transports and 24 new bookings. Last week the peak population was 84.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Sharon Shaw, Wabash County Treasurer requested permission to take three quotes before the Wabash County Council to replace an out-of-date computer. The lowest quote was \$758 which includes set-up. She will ask that funds to pay for the computer come from Solid Waste Admin fees. Givens made a motion to approve the request. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated he had some questions regarding the 700 W viaduct removal. Once they are answered he will prepare documents for the surrounding landowners to sign which will allow temporary access onto their properties.

Downs stated Susi Stephans, Wabash County Soil & Water Program Coordinator contacted him about drafting contracts for work to be completed at the Wabash County Farm. He wanted to verify that this was acceptable. The commissioners agreed and authorized him to complete the work requested.

Downs stated, on behalf of Wabash Marketplace, that they do not have any viable lead for an entity to purchase and repurpose the Old Jail. They understand that the commissioners are at a point where they need to move forward on making a decision because pieces of the building are beginning to fall off.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Deputy Auditor was present with nothing to report.

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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 Monday, March 21, 2016.

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