

**April 11, 2016**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 11, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert 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 Transmission Utility Networks Inc. LLC proposing a 120' communication transport utility pole in the right-of-way of 1000 N west of 175 E. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert second the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Recommended Smith Excavating LLC. to demolish the abandon railroad bridge over 700 W. Smith submitted the lowest bid last week (April 4, 2016) of \$116,000. Hauptert made a motion to approve the lowest bid. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated the cement work is complete on Bridge 510 (Harrison Ave. and Wabash St.). The project is progressing well.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 37 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 9 transports to the DOC and 24 new book-ins. The peak population was 88.

Land stated he has hired a new merit officer Mat Galligan to replace Dustin Hurst who resigned earlier this year.

Barry Eppley spoke on behalf of Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper. She is requesting permission to a record a certified copy of the Original Plat of Lagro in Wabash County. It was originally recorded in Huntington County. Hauptert 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.

Bob Brown, Assistant County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented an IDEM notice receipt of permit application for Brooks Construction.

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Henry Becker, President of the Roann Covered Bridge Association requested that the Roann Covered Bridge be repainted. The association does not have funds to partner with the county (as in the past). The association recently repaired the roof for \$1,700. Hauptert stated there are procedures the county must follow to complete a project like this but the commissioners will get the process started. Becker also stated he has received a request for a graduation party to be held on the bridge in June. (Dils will send him a bridge use agreement.)

Douglas Allen Dyson-Samon presented a document for signatures, stating that the commissioners are not a common law court and are not common law justices. The commissioners asked Downs how to proceed with the request. Downs recommended the commissioners declare they are neither a common law court nor common law justices, but sees no reason for signatures. Dyson-Samon stated he needs the document signed. Eppley and Givens stated the request will be placed into the minutes of the meeting and the commissioners will sign the minutes. Dyson-Samon can request a copy of the minutes after they are approved next week.

Eppley stated the high bid received for the Sheriff's Department car last week (April 4, 2016) was from Chip Cly for \$1,600. Hauptert made a motion to approve the bid. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting was recessed until 9:30 a.m. for the opening the sodium chloride bids, as advertised.

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened. Hauptert made a motion to accept the bids received and to close the bids. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received and opened:

Morton Salt	Chicago, IL	\$130,656
Cargill Deicing Technology	North Olmsted, OH	\$125,344
Compass Minerals International	Overland Park, KS	\$130,064
Detroit Salt Company	Detroit, MI	\$129,104

Hauptert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by 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, April 18, 2016.

Also present were: Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett, News Journal reporter Amanda Bridgman, Donna Harman, Toby Steffen with Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc., Jeffrey Donald Dyson, Ken Miller, Christopher Scott and John Dyson.