

## May 16, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 16, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Scott E. Givens and Brian K. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Christine Flohr, Executive Director, Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau spoke on how the additional funds being requested will help with marketing. Eppley stated that after discussions with Mayor Scott Long, it was determined that the City and County should collaborate and share CVB's recent requests for additional financial support from CEDIT funds. It will allow them to expand marketing, which is expected to increase tourism in the area.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Utility permit from NIPSCO, to install gas service to 5233 S 350 E Cottage 7. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
2. Today, Smith Excavating will begin removal of the via-duct on 700 W.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 47 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Last week there were 6 transports to the DOC and 20 new book-ins. The peak population was 89.

Land also stated:

1. He will be requesting additional appropriations from County Council to due inmate transfers and the sale of a vehicle. He also asked permission to sell another vehicle. The commissioners approved all three requests.
2. On May 20 he will be lose one merit officer to the Indiana State Police and is also losing one jail officer. The jail officer position has been filled. The hiring process is underway to fill the other position.

Keith Walters, EMA Director stated the EMA and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held its annual disaster drill on Saturday, May 14. A number of public safety agencies participated. He described it as an overall success. Walters also requested to be re-authorized to participate in the District Three Response Task Force. Haupert made a motion to re-authorize Walters. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for period ending 5/9/2016.

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2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for 5/16/2016.
3. IDEM notice for air quality permit for Manchester Metals.

Eppley stated that funding for the surveyor's new truck topper is approximately \$300 short. He asked for a motion to approve spending up to \$300 from Cum Cap. Hauptert made that motion. 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, May 23, 2016.

Also present were: Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett, Keith Gillenwater, Sandy Beeks, Claude Markstahler, Mike Ridenour, Randy Curless, Bill Ruppel and Mayor Scott Long.