

April 25, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 25, 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 April 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, Wabash County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under 700 W at 10382 N to repair service.
2. Permit from NIPSCO to install gas service to 298 E 250 S. One bell hole will be dug on the south side of 250 S.

Givens made a motion to approve the permits. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin gave an update on Bridge 510 on Harrison Avenue. Traffic signs have been installed. Painting was to be completed on Friday, April 22 but due to the wet road surface that has been postponed until Tuesday, April 26. Once it is completed, the barricades will be removed and the road will be open to traffic.

Martin also requested permission to attend the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers & Supervisors (IACHES) conference on June 1 & 2 in Indianapolis. The commissioners approved the request.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 42 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. The peak population was 96.

Land stated he has nothing official but believes he will be losing a merit officer in May to the Indiana State Police.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director requested permission to accept bids to sell a 2001 Chevrolet Impala to the highest bidder. The commissioners agreed.

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

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented for approval a contract with SRI Inc. for the 2016 Tax Sale. The contract was reviewed by Downs. The change is a fee increase to SRI from \$70 to \$75 per parcel sold. Givens made a motion to approve the contract. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Conrad also presented a notice of a channel change from Mediacom.

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Douglas Alan Dyson asked the commissioners to order Wabash County Clerk Elaine Martin to identify if the local Circuit Court of record, judges/justices offices are filled or vacant and to report her findings to the Governor of Indiana. The commissioners took the request under advisement.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 2, 2016.

Also present were: Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett, News Journal reporter Amanda Bridgman and several other unidentified people.