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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 27, 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. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 20, 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. (Givens did not attend the meeting on June 20, 2016.)

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a quote from Debco Metal Culverts for \$43,250 to replace an aluminum structure on 100 W (south of 925 S). Givens made a motion to approve the quote. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 46 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 6 inmates housed in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 11 transports to the DOC and 24 new book-ins. The peak population was 88.

Land stated he is preparing to send additional sentenced inmates to Elkhart County to help reduce transportation costs.

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

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director reported:

1. The state historical marker outside the courthouse has been repainted. Dave Monroe, owner of Dave's Painting completed the work. He donated his time and charged only for materials.
2. County departments which have documents that may now be destroyed will have those materials picked up and transported to PaperWorks later this week. The county highway department will assist. Approximately 160 boxes of documents will be destroyed.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Deputy Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for period ending 6/18/2016.
2. Mediacom channel additions – foreign channels in July 2016.
3. Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library requested that Barb Burge be appointed to the library board. Hauptert made a motion to appoint Barb Burge to the Roann Library Board of Trustees. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Regina Brane-Hiple with Friends of the Old LaFontaine Cemetery asked the commissioners to consider providing funds to help restore and maintain the

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“pioneer cemeteries” throughout the county. She presented several pages of Indiana statute which address the care of cemeteries by counties and townships. The commissioners stated they will ask county attorney Steve Downs to review this request.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

Also present were: Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett and News-Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker.