

August 8, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 8, 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 August 1, 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.

Eppley stated in recognition and tribute to the celebration of Indiana's 200th birthday, Wabash resident Susan Jones has composed a musical titled "Light Up The Town."

The show tells the story of Wabash achieving the distinction of the 1st Electrically Lighted City in the world. The facts of that cold, rainy night of March 31, 1880 are woven into an enticing story. Contained within are song, dance, conflict, unity, debate over the appropriate use of tax money and even love.

The show contains the first starring role in a musical for the Wabash County Courthouse. The courthouse is joined in the cast, by an orchestra and crew and by a talented collection of women, men and children.

Wabash native Kim Grogg Marin has returned home to guide the production as Director. Debra Lynn of Manchester University arranged the music and orchestration and is music director. John Corso designed and Bill Eppley, with others, built the sets. The play will take place at the Honeywell Center on August 12, 13 and 14.

Eppley then read a proclamation in which the Wabash County commissioners declared August 12, 13, and 14, 2016 as "Light Up the Town" weekend.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented three utility permits from NIPSCO to:

1. Install gas service to 754 W 250 S. Two bell holes will be dug with boring under 250 S.
2. Retire service at 544 N State Road 13. One bell hole will be dug in the right-of-way.
3. Retire service at 4226 W 100 S. One bell hole will be dug in the right-of-way.

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

Martin presented a utility permit from Frontier Communications to repair service to 14575 N 200 E. They will bore under 200 E to replace a line. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Major Tyler Guenin reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 52 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 6 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 13 transports to the DOC and 26 new book-ins. The peak population was 92.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested permission to move forward with an upgrade of the computers in her office. A request was previously approved for the up-grade to take place in 2017 (July 18, 2016) but, for the same price, the up-grade may occur in 2016. The commissioners agreed with the request to proceed this year.

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

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

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 6/4/2016
2. IDEM notice - decision of approval, City of Wabash sanitary sewer system.
3. Mediacom - adjustment to monthly rental fee pricing.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 15, 2016.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News-Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker, Adam Michael Carey, Kim Marin, and Pete and Susan Jones.