

**August 22, 2016**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 22, 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 15, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 95 inmates with 48 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 17 transports to the DOC and 31 new book-ins. The peak population was 89.

Land stated he currently has two open positions for jail officers and is expecting two more positions to be open by the beginning of 2017.

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

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

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor asked permission to change to a different software vendor. XSoft currently serves 53 counties in Indiana. The initial cost of the software is \$122,800 with an annual maintenance fee of \$20,000. The installation cost could be divided into four yearly installments of \$30,700. Switching to XSoft would improve efficiency, eliminate two current vendors and reduce the annual maintenance fees by approximately \$6,000. Haupert made a motion to take the request under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Teresa Witkoske, Purdue University Extension Director requested permission to replace a countertop in her office. Witkoske provided a quote from Builder's Mart for a 36" X 8' beveled edge countertop for \$400, which includes delivery. Installation will need to be provided. Haupert made a motion to approve the request and that the top to be paid from courthouse improvements. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowance for pay ending 8/13/2016
2. IDEM notice - notice of public comment, Wabash Casting, operating permit renewal.

The commissioners approved.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 29, 2016.

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Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann and News-Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker.