

## September 12, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 12, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens 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 at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 2 transports to the DOC and 20 new book-ins. The peak population was 90.

Land requested permission to hire a merit deputy to fill a vacant position. The individual is current jail officer Karsten Kersey. The commissioners agreed.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director will be deploying for the remainder of the week with the state task force on an exercise in southern Indiana. Bob Brown will be filling-in for Keith.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder stated she has requests for 13 new desk chairs throughout the courthouse totaling \$3,715. Five additional people have not yet made a decision. If the purchase is through a certain company there is a set-up fee. Jim Dils and the maintenance staff would be willing to assemble the chairs. The commissioners decided to wait until next week to receive final numbers before proceeding.

Draper also requested permission to send a contract to Steve Downs for review.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented three contracts for approval and signatures.

1. H.J. Umbaugh & Associates for advisory services for the proposed jail project (August 29, 2016). Givens made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Tyco Simplex Grinnell, which tests and inspects the fire alarm fire system in the judicial building and courthouse, has requested the renewal of a three-year contract. The increase of 9.7% (approximately \$160.00 per year) is guaranteed for three years. The new annual total will be \$1,804.57. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Republic Services of Indiana LP (refuse and recycling removal) negotiated three new contracts which will bring the total annual cost for four containers down to \$7,129.20, which includes the highway department. This is a savings of \$7,469.52. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor requested permission to bring before council an additional appropriation request for Exam of Records. The commissioners agreed.

Conrad reported that five unsafe building hearings are scheduled.

1. 437 N. East St. Wabash on September 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall
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2. 242 W. Main St. Wabash on October 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall
3. 1470 Adams St. Wabash on October 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall
4. 523 W. Hill St. Wabash on October 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall

Ann Jochim, with WHT Technology introduced herself and her company. She stated they are onsite today completing mapping updates within county offices.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 19, 2016.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker and County Plan Director Mike Howard.