

October 3, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 3, 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 September 26, 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 presented:

1. 2016 Phase II Bridge Inventory and Special Inspection Report.
2. Utility permit from NIPSCO to install service at 3941 W 50 N. One bell hole will be dug in the right-of-way. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission to attend the annual LTAP County Bridge Conference on October 19, 2016 at Purdue University. The commissioners agreed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 56 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 17 transports to the DOC and 25 new book-ins. The peak population for last week was 88.

Land also reported:

1. The jail door project has been completed. Thirty seven doors have been inspected and repaired as needed and two new switches have been installed. The work was completed on 9/27/2016.
2. An application for funds from the AACTION grants has been completed. A total of \$7,500 has been requested for overtime enforcement and equipment.

Land requested approval to convert all radios (in vehicles and portables) to P-25. The state has changed to a new provider which will require all radios to be converted to the new system. Currently there are 17 portables, 21 in-car and 6 reserve portables that need to be converted. J & K Communications has provided a quote to do the conversions for \$7,895 which would be completed on-site. Haupert made a motion to approve the quote pending the identification of a funding source. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor presented a contract with XSoft, Inc. for signatures (August 22, 2016). XSoft is a software provider to aide assessors in the performing their duties. During budget hearings the council requested that payment for XSoft come out of the re-assessment fund. The software purchase requires an annual payment of \$30,700 for four years. The contract has been reviewed and approved by county attorney Steve Downs. Haupert made a motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented for approval Resolution 2016-85-9 authorizing application submission and local match commitment. It authorizes submittal of the WDP application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters. Hauptert made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-85-9. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 10/3/2016
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 9/24/2016
3. IDEM notice of air permit application for Parkview Wabash Hospital.

The commissioners approved all claims.

The meeting was held in recess until 9:30 a.m. for an advertised second public hearing regarding the Community Development Block grant.

The meeting was re-convened at 9:30 a.m. for the public hearing.

Lori Shipmen, Lori Shipman Consulting LLC stated the letter of intent has been accepted and she has received no comments. The floor was then opened for public comment. Economic Development Group of Wabash County, President & CEO Keith Gillenwater spoke in favor of the grant stating the industrial maintenance training class will be asset for the area workforce. Hauptert was in agreement. Hearing no other comments Hauptert made a motion to close the public hearing. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Shipman stated funding announcements will be made on December 1, 2016.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

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