

October 17, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 17, 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 October 11, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented notification from inspections conducted by Butler Fairman & Seufert of sign posting changes that need to be made for three county bridges.

1. Bridge #53 on 300 E over Bechtold Ditch - recommend posting bridge at 15 tons
2. Bridge #54 on 900 N over Pony Creek - recommend removing the load posting
3. Bridge #151 on 1200 S over Cart Creek - recommend changing the posting to 12 tons

Martin stated an ordinance is needed to make these changes. Hauptert made a motion to proceed and authorize the preparation of an ordinance. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also stated E & B Paving will begin work on Tuesday, October 18th to widen and resurface 200 W just north of US 24. The project should take about 2 weeks.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates with 50 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Land also requested permission to request an additional appropriation from the county council, at their December meeting, of \$92,000 for inmate transfers. The commissioners instructed Land to submit the request.

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

Mike Howard, County Plan Director presented amendments to the Wabash County General Ordinance 85-2-2010 regulating wind energy conservation systems. Givens made a motion to adopt the amendments under General Ordinance 85-09-2016. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a 2nd reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to adopt Ordinance 85-09-2016. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented a planned maintenance agreement from Havel for an annual inspection of the two courthouse boilers. The cost is \$984. (The commissioners had requested more information on October 11th regarding the scope of work to be performed.) Dils stated the county would become a priority customer and Havel's maximum response time would be 4 hours. Givens made a motion to approve the planned maintenance agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 10/17/2016.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 10/11/2016.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County COA, Inc. presented the 2016 third quarter report and invoice. Ferry also stated she must submit a revision to the 2016 budget in the amount of \$5,060. Hauptert made a motion to approve the third quarter report from Living Well including the revision to the budget in the amount of \$5,060. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Eric Seaman, New Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker, Greg Harnish, Tony Vie and Michael Gouloff of Elevatus Architecture.