

## October 24, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 24, 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 October 17, 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. A contract status inquiry for Bridge #510 (Harrison Ave. over Charley Creek). The bonding company is requesting the status of the project. The commissioners signed the inquiry which states the project has been completed.
2. Metropolitan School District is requesting stone be placed in a turn-around at 5250 N 600 W. Haupert made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Indiana Department of Transportation has completed an audit for project close-out on Bridge #24 (Ogden Road over Otter Creek). A refund of \$3,472.73 will be issued because the project was completed under the construction contract amount. The refund is 20% of the \$17,364 which was not spent.
4. Requested December 5th or 12th as the date to open annual supply bids. The commissioners decided December 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. will be the bid opening date and time.
5. Ordinance 2016-85-10 amending Ordinance 94-9 County Road Signs as follows:
  - A. Bridge #53 on 300 E over Bechtold Ditch - recommend posting the load limit at 15 tons.
  - B. Bridge #54 on 900 N over Pony Creek - recommend removing the load limit posting.
  - C. Bridge #151 on 1200 S over Cart Creek - recommend posting the load limit at 12 tons.

Givens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-85-10. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Haupert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a seconded reading. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-85-10 on second reading. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated he just received notice of a pending utility permit from Indiana American Water for a road cut at 941 Lafontaine Avenue. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit pending review. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 54 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 4

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inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. The peak population for last week was 88. There were 9 transports to the DOC and 24 new book-ins.

Bob Brown, County EMA Assistant Director stated county EMA Director Keith Walters will be out of the office all week for training and that he will be out the latter part of the week for training.

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. IDEM notice of approval to construct sanitary sewer for Parkview Wabash Hospital.
2. IDEM notice of approval for Title V significant permit modification for POET Biorefining, North Manchester

Bob Ferguson, Roann Clerk-Treasurer stated that people are breaking into the old school in Roann which is presenting safety concerns. The Roann Town Board would like to have the school demolished with the help of the county. The structure was deemed unsafe in 2013 but due to unexpected deeded issues the building has sat in limbo. The Town of Roann would like to partner with the county to get the property deeded to both Wabash County and the Town of Roann. Once the property is deeded, the town would be able to apply for grant funding to demolish the building. Currently the town is not sure what grants are available but believes some could be secured. The amount of the grant match could be negotiated at a later date. Hauptert made a motion to take the request under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated he has received the 2017 5311/5339 Public Transportation Grant for approval and signatures. Eppley stated the agreement is the same as in the past. Hauptert made a motion to approve the grant agreement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Rick Morris, Roann Covered Bridge Festival committee member asked to have the covered bridge repainted before the September 2017 festival which will be their 100 year celebration. Hauptert stated they are aware of it needing to be repainted and are working on it. While looking into repainting, however, some other issues have been found and those need to be addressed as well. Hauptert stated the commissioners will try to get the repairs completed and the bridge repainted prior to the festival in September 2017.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, October 31, 2016.

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Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker, Donna Harmon, Susan Floor, James & Mary Jane Pell and Keith Gillenwater.