

October 31, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 31, 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 24, 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:

1. A utility permit from Indiana American Water to run a 580' of 8" water line and install two new hydrants between 941 and 967 LaFontaine Avenue, Wabash. The permit was tentatively approved October 24, 2016 pending receipt of the paperwork. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Invitations for signatures for the annual highway bids scheduled to be opened December 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. The commissioners signed the invitations.

Martin stated EMB Paving will begin paving 200 W as soon as a crew becomes available.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 48 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. The peak population for last week was 82. There were 11 transports to the DOC and 17 new book-ins.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated he has received three RFPs to remove asbestos from the old jail. Each include separate amounts for renovation and demolition. However, because one contractor's quotes were significantly lower than the other two he has asked ACM Engineering to review and issue a letter of recommendation. No further action will be taken until that letter is received.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder presented a five year contract with Fiddlar for updated software and equipment. The cost will be \$17,000 per year. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Draper also asked permission to present an ordinance to council to change the fee structure for on-line access. The commissioners agreed.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. IDEM notice for Metal Source, LLC from the office of air quality FESOP for permit revision.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for period ending 10/24/2016. The commissioners approved the claims.

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The regular meeting was suspended to conduct an advertised public hearing for the purpose of vacating three alleys in Laketon, Indiana. Mike Howard, County Plan Director, stated all three alleys to be vacated are in Wertenberger Subdivision and all are unimproved. If the vacation is approved the alleys will be divided equally between the adjoining land owners. Givens made a motion to approve vacation of the three alleys. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert made a motion to close the hearing. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The regular meeting was resumed.

Representatives from A.J. Gallagher & Co. spoke about the county's current property and casualty insurance coverages and offered some ideas which could allow these plans to be consolidated. They believe they could fill-in some coverage gaps and the county would still experience a savings. They asked the commissioners for approval to proceed. The request was taken under advisement. Further discussion will occur next week.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 7, 2016.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker, Ronnie and Elaine England, Sandy Beeks, County Central Dispatch Director, Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and Adam Adler, Andrew Loehr and Brad Case with A.J. Gallagher & Co.