

November 7, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 7, 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 31, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under 50 E to repair phone service to 4839 S 50 E. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The Metropolitan School District has requested that a school bus stop sign be placed on Bailey Road. The commissioners agreed to the request.

Martin stated the 200 W project was completed on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

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

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 81 inmates with 61 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. The peak population for last week was 84. There were 8 transports to the DOC and 33 new book-ins.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated he has received letters from A.J. Gallagher which would allow them to become the agent of record for the county's property, casualty and liability insurance policies. Haupert made a motion to approve and sign the authorization letters. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor stated that upon switching software vendors she discovered a "release of information clause" in the contract with Manatron. The county will be charged \$5,000 for them to release the data to XSoft. Schenkel spoke with Manatron and negotiated a \$3,270.28 credit for the fourth quarter maintenance fee, which can be applied toward the extract fee. The remaining \$1,729.72 can be paid from the sales disclosure fund. The commissioners agreed to apply the \$3,270.28 credit to the extract fee and pay the remaining \$1,729.72 from the sales disclosure fund.

Linda Conrad, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. IDEM notice Haupert Land Holding LLC – CFO application for a new building.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 11/7/2016. The commissioners approved the claims.

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3. An additional appropriation of \$14,423 for the examination of records for the North Manchester Public Library. These funds will be returned to the county at December distribution. Hauptert made a motion to approve the appropriation request being presented to county council. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mike Howard, County Plan Director requested that Christian Rosen be appointed to the plan commission board to replace Lowell Rosen. Hauptert made a motion to appoint Christian Rosen. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash Marketplace has requested that the annual Celebration of Light at the courthouse take place on November 18, 2016. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. The commissioners agreed.

The commissioners approved two appointments to the Tourism Commission:

1. Wade Weaver will complete the final year of Susie Hampton's third term, which ends December 31, 2017.
2. Sarah Lochner will replace Wade Weaver whose original third term will end December 31, 2016. She will serve a new two year term, which ends December 31, 2018.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 14, 2016.

Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker, and Roann Clerk-Treasurer Bob Ferguson.