

February 29, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 29, 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 Deputy Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 22, 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 requested permission to set April 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to receive bids for removal of an abandoned viaduct over 700 W. The commissioners approved the date and time. Martin gave an update on Bridge 510 (Harrison Ave. over Charley Creek). The end bents are in and the bridge deck is scheduled to be poured on Thursday, March 3.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 33 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail. Land also requested permission to sell a 2007 Charger. The commissioners agreed.

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

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated he had several documents for the commissioners to sign related to the April 1 renewal of the employee's group health plan. The commissioners agreed to sign the documents after the meeting.

Mike Howard, County Plan Director requested permission to order 2016 Ortho Photography for the beacon website. Using 6" imagery, the charge would be \$60 per square mile for a total cost of \$25,260. Howard stated he would like to ask other entities which utilize the program if they would be willing to help defray some of the cost. The contract with the state, however, may need to be signed prior to receiving a response from those entities. Hauptert made a motion to approve ordering the 6" scale photography and to ask other entities for their financial support of this project. The county portion will be funded from CEDIT Economic Development. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Stan Bagley, President of the Laketon Area Regional Sewer Board requested the appointment of Michael Wallis to the board. He will replace Claude Markstahler. Hauptert made a motion to approve Michael Willis to the board. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Bagley also gave a brief update of the board's activities.

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

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Also present were: Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, 105.9 The Bash reporter Tim Arnett and Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee.