

January 3, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Wabash County Auditor, Marcie Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Barry J. Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Scott E. Givens. Shepherd requested nominations for commissioner chairman. Hauptert made a motion to nominate Scott Givens as commissioner chairman for 2017. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Shepherd then turned the meeting over to Chairman Givens. Givens requested nominations for vice-chairman. Eppley made a motion to nominate Brian Hauptert as vice-chairman. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from Indiana Fiber Network to run a fiber optic line along the south side of 100 N from the Wabash Huntington county line west to 750 E, then north on the east side of 750 E to Blue Star Highway, then west on the south side of Blue Star through Lagro continuing west on the south side of SR 524 to 50 N, then west on the north side of 50 N to 100 E, then north on the west side of 100 E, then west on the north side of 100 N to SR 13. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 81 inmates with 46 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 7 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 26 new book-ins and 5 transports to the DOC.

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

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented accounts payable claims and allowance docket for January 3, 2017. The commissioners approved the claims.

Shepherd requested appointments to the following boards and committees:

1. Wabash Public Library – Susan Baker for a four year term. Hauptert made a motion to approve the appointment of Susan Baker. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Tax Abatement Committee – Scott Givens. Eppley made a motion to appoint Scott Givens to the committee. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

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3. Central Dispatch Advisory Board – Scott Givens. Eppley made a motion to appoint Scott Givens to the advisory board. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
4. Plan Commission Board – Scott Givens. Eppley made a motion to appoint Scott Givens to the Plan Commission Board. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
5. Laketon Area Regional Sewer District Board – No action. This appointment was tabled.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor requested \$3,000 of additional funding to make the assessor's new software compatible with the Beacon GIS website. Hauptert made a motion to approve \$3,000 for the interface with the funding source to be determined. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The commissioners presented former Wabash County Auditor Linda Conrad with a framed certificate for her four years of service as county auditor.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, The Paper reporter Emma Roush, Wabash Public Library director Ware Wimberly and Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper.