

January 30, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 30, 2017. Commissioner Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Givens, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 23, 2017 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 NIPSCO to retire gas service at 894 S 475 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin presented the 2016 Wabash County Highway Annual Report for review.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates with 61 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 7 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Addendum to the SRI contract that was approved on January 23, 2017. The commissioners signed the addendum.
2. Resolution 2017-85-01 establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioners' Sale to sell tax sale certificates for properties that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes. Hauptert made a motion to approve the resolution. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to set the minimum bid at \$200 per parcel. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sandy Beeks, County Central Dispatch Director requested permission to upgrade the E-911 communication recording system. Beeks stated the funds have been budgeted. The total cost with DDS Corporation is \$31,785 for installation and five years of hardware and support. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shepherd requested that the scheduling of holidays for employees who work a 24/7 schedule (central dispatch, jail officers and sheriff deputies) to be modified:

- Fifty percent of the approved holidays must be taken within the first six months of the year.
- Fifty percent of the approved holidays must be taken within the last six months of the year.

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No holidays will be allowed to be “carried over.” (If an unearned holiday has been taken before employment ends, the county will be reimbursed for that day.) Civilian positions will continue to observe each holiday based on the approved county schedule. Hauptert made a motion to approve the modified holiday schedule as described above. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The commissioners presented former Wabash County Treasurer Sharon Shaw with a framed certificate for her 33 years of service to the residents of Wabash County. Shaw retired on December 31, 2016.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 6, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash County Recorder Lori Draper, Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Treasurer LuAnn Layman, Brenda Conner, Jean Schuler and Chris Paul.