

March 13, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 13, 2017. Chairman 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 March 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented three utility permits:

1. NIPSCO to install 350' of 2" gas line along the east side of 300 E.
Approximately four bell holes will be dug on the right-of-way. An old 2" steel gas main that is currently attached to the bridge will be removed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion it; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Mediacom to install a 2¼" ducts and fiber optic cable along the north side of 800 N. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Town of Lagro to bore under 300 E at 1174 N 300 E to place a water line. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion it; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 52 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 6 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 2 inmates housed in the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 22 new book-ins and 6 transports to the DOC. The peak population was 87. Land stated he believes Central Dispatch will take the old ice machine he mentioned last week.

Steve Downs, 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 was present with nothing to report.

Darla Eads, who lives in Servia, spoke about a neighboring property that has waste/rubbish piling up outside and wanted the commissioners to be aware of it. Eads stated she spoke to Wabash County Plan Director Mike Howard (2 years ago) and also Wabash County Environmental Health Specialist Jennifer Scott. Scott reportedly has sent letters to the landowner but the waste/rubbish is still piling up. The commissioners stated they will look into it.

Review Items:

- IDEM Notice – Notice for public comment – POET Biorefining, North Manchester, IN
- Unsafe Premises Order – 210 Canal St., Lagro – April 6, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m., Wabash County Courthouse

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With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, March 20, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker, Butler Fairman & Seufert representative Toby Steffen and Construction Control representative Eric Wolfe.