

March 20, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 20, 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 13, 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:

1. Utility permit from NIPSCO to retire gas services to 6783 S 50 E. One 4' x 4' bell hole will be dug on the east side of the road. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion it; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Letter of Understanding with INDOT for an unofficial detour. INDOT is replacing the bridge on State Road 13 over the Eel River. This closure is tentatively scheduled for July construction. The unofficial detour would be 1100 N from SR 13 to Wabash Road. Hauptert made a motion to approve the letter. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Design engineering contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert for Bridge 155 replacement. The contract is not to exceed \$83,000. Bridge 155 is on Meridian Road over Clear Creek. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Request for permission to bring before the Wabash County Council an additional appropriation for payment of the bridge design contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 56 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 2 inmates housed at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 33 new book-ins and 15 transports to the DOC. The peak population was 90. Land stated the current K-9 dog (Cato) will be retired and two new dogs will be put into service within the next few months.

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 was present with nothing to report.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 3/20/2017.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 3/11/2017.

The commissioners approved all claims.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, March 27, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker.