

April 3, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 3, 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 27, 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.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 98 inmates with 48 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 2 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 12 transports to the DOC and 38 new book-ins. The peak population was 96.

Land introduced Barry Grossman from Crossroads Bank. Grossman presented a lease agreement for two SUV's the sheriff's department will use for its K-9 units. The interest rate is 2.5% for 3 years, with the first payment being due in June 2017. Hauptert made a motion to approve the lease. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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 presented a quote from Tyco Inc. to install an alarm on the exterior door on south side of the judicial center for a cost of \$3,329.92. Hauptert made a motion to approve the quote and for it to be paid from cumulative capital development. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 4/3/2017
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay ending 3/25/2017

The commissioners approved both claims.

Doug Bogert, WCAS manager and Steve Hicks, WCAS board president presented an update regarding the Wabash County Animal Shelter which included a profit and loss statement. Hicks also stated that the current animal control ordinance is out-of-date. It was decided that Hicks and Bogert will work with Steve Downs to make the necessary revisions then present it to the commissioners for approval.

Eric Rish, deputy recorder presented a Swift Users agreement which the recorder's office would like to implement. It specifies how documents are returned to the

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submitter. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dee Joy, Wabash County CASA Director requested permission to present an additional appropriation request to the council for the amount of \$11,400. The purpose is to allow the CASA office to move to a new location which would be more convenient and provide greater visibility. Both county judges support the move. The commissioners agreed to the request.

Scott Givens requested a motion to re-appoint Anne Harting and Dennis Ayres to the North Manchester Plan Commission board. Hauptert made a motion to re-appoint both Anne Harting and Dennis Ayres for a three-year term on the North Manchester Plan Commission board. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker, Bill Ruppel, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis and Jerry Hults.