

May 22, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 22, 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. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented the annual operational report for local roads and streets as required by the State Board of Accounts. Haupert made a motion to approve the annual report. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated the inspections on the county's eleven bridges, which are required to have annual inspections, were completed last Monday and Tuesday. In addition, all in-water inspections were completed for bridges across the Eel River. The in-water inspections for bridges across the Wabash River could not be completed due to high water levels and swift currents. The Wabash River will be monitored to determine when those inspections may be completed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 58 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 6 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 23 transports to the DOC and 27 new book-ins. The peak population was 82.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

The meeting was held in recess until 9:30 a.m. for the advertised opening of bids for the reconstruction of Bridge 118. The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 a.m. Haupert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The bids received and opened were:

La Porte Construction Co.	La Porte, IN	\$392,849.50
R.L. McCoy, Inc.	Columbia City, IN	\$347,250.06
Primco, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$323,144.28

Eppley made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Haupert 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 Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

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Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker and Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.