

**July 3, 2017**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 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 June 26, 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 requested:

1. Permission to replace Bridge 151 (1200 S over Cart Creek) and scour the east abutments. The bridge has extensive rusting of the deck beams. Martin recommended hiring United Consulting to perform engineering for the project. The total cost is estimated to be \$580,100. Hauptert made a motion to proceed with replacing the bridge and to hire United Consulting to perform the engineering. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Permission to purchase two truck cabs and chassis off Kosciusko County's bid of \$111,174 per unit, for a total of \$222,348. These would be Western Stars trucks purchased from Stoops Freightliner in Fort Wayne. 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 84 inmates with 46 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 8 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 7 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 16 transports to the DOC and 28 new book-ins. The peak population was 93.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 7/03/2017. The commissioners approved all claims.

The commissioners reviewed the following items:

- IDEM Notice: Kevin Bechtold – Confined Feeding Operation – Construction Approved
- Hearing Notice – Unsafe buildings – 531 E. Hill Street, Wabash and 138 Stitt Street, Wabash – Wabash City Hall, July 6, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, The Paper editor Joe Slacian, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis and United Consulting representative Steve Jones.