

July 24, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 24, 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 July 17, 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 was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 43 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 9 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 7 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 25 new book-ins and 16 transports to the DOC. The peak population was 87.

Land stated he would like to look into the possibility of creating a blanket ordinance to prohibit large commercial trucks from traveling on all county roads. This would eliminate the need for intermittent ordinances to be prepared each time detours are posted on state highways. Land, Martin and Downs will look into this option.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented Ordinance 2017-85-03 which amends Ordinance 2015-85-03 (regulates tattoos, tattoo parlors and body piercing facilities). The ordinance changes the annual fees charged for permits. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-85-03. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated on April 10, 2017 the purchase of a storage shed for the jail was approved for \$3,005. Upon receiving the invoice it was discovered an extra \$150 charge was added because the shed was painted rather than stained. Dils stated the price difference was contained in the brochure but not noted on the original estimate. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for 7/15/2017. The commissioners approved all claims.

Ryan Olbin with Perry ProTech presented a printer lease and managed print service contract for signatures. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash county COA, Inc. presented the 5311 public transportation report for the 2nd quarter. The commissioners signed the report. In August, Ferry, Eppley and Christina Freeman will meet to review the financial report for Wabash County Transit.

The commissioners reviewed the following items:

Demolition Notice for 531 E Hill Street, Wabash & 138 Stitt Street, Wabash.

Hearing Notice for unsafe buildings at 20 W. Harrison Avenue, Wabash and 319 Euclid Street, Wabash. The hearing is August 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Wabash City Hall.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 31, 2017.

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