

September 18, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 18, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Givens, Brian H. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the September 11, 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 to enter into an engineering service contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. for the reconstruction of 3,700 feet of 1100 N (west of SR 13). Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. will do all of the preliminary design work for the amount of \$257,430. The estimated cost for the total project is \$1,003,037.50. Martin suggested the funds to pay for this project come from the LOIT special distribution that was set aside for highway projects. He hopes to receive a Community Crossing grant next year to help pay for part of the project. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin stated that 62 miles of the projected 81 miles of chip and seal have been completed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 48 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there 20 new book-ins and 10 transports to the DOC. The peak population last week was 83.

Land stated he has received an invoice for \$4,410 from Southern Folger Detention equipment for the repair of 4 jail cell doors and is requesting that the invoice be paid from the cumulative capital development fund. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director reported that there are still several filing cabinets that are not being utilized by the county and asked if they could be donated to a not-for-profit. The commissioners stated they would need to verify if the county is allowed to do that.

Dils also stated the county expects to receive a check from the property insurance company to help offset some of the repair costs incurred due to a lightning event on July 10, which impacted the jail and judicial center. After applying the \$5,000 deductible the net check will be \$13,095.18.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 9/18/2017
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay ending 9/9/2017

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The commissioners approved all claims.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested permission to take before the county council a “request to spend” from the recorder’s perpetuation fund for the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer. The commissioners gave their consent.

The commissioners reviewed the following item:

Demolition Notice – City of Wabash – 1326 Adams Street, Wabash

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Josh Sigler, News Journal reporter David Fenker and Butler Fairman & Seurfert Inc. representative Toby Steffen