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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 16, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three commissioners present: Givens, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to run approximately 600' of 4" plastic gas main along 400 S starting at the intersection of 300 W & 400 S to provide gas service to 2900 W 400 S. Four bell holes will be dug in the north right-of-way of 400 S. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail is currently housing 89 inmates with 49 inmates being housed at the Miami County Jail, 4 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 4 inmates at the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 22 new book-ins and 15 transports to the DOC. The peak population last week was 93.

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 was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 10/16/2017
2. Payroll Claims and allowance for pay period ending 10/07/2017.

The commissioners approved all claims.

Robert Ferguson, Roann Clerk-Treasurer announced that the joint Community Block Grant between the Town of Roann and Wabash County has been approved by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The grant award is \$350,000 for the blight clearance program to raze the old Roann School. Ferguson thanked the commissioners for their assistance in this project.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County COA, Inc. presented:

1. The 5311 Public Transportation Grant Agreement for 2018. The budgeted amount for 2018 is \$591,900. The commissioners signed the agreement.
2. The third quarter 5311 public transportation report for the reimbursement of \$101,715. The commissioners signed the quarterly report.

Lisa Shanabarger spoke concerning the drug epidemic in Wabash County and asked what can be done to help the people in need. Shanabarger recently lost her son to a drug overdose and wants to make the county aware of the ongoing

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struggles of addicts who are trying to recover with little to no help. Givens stated that Mayor Long is leading an effort to help identify and address some of these concerns.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, October 23, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Josh Sigler, News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash County Central Dispatch director Sandy Beeks and Indiana State Senator Andy Zay.