

October 30, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 30, 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 23, 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 presented:

1. A utility permit from NIPSCO to install gas service to 5068 W 100 S. Two bell holes (one on the north side and one on the south side of 100 S) will be dug in order to bore under the road to connect to the gas main. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A request from the Metropolitan School District to provide additional stone for a bus turn-around at 2424 S 300 E. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A request to set a date for the opening of annual bids for supplies and equipment rental for 2018. The date requested was December 4, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. The commissioners approved the request.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail is currently housing 89 inmates with 56 inmates at the Miami County Jail, 1 inmate at the Elkhart County Jail and 1 inmate at the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 19 new book-ins and 16 transports to the other facilities. The peak jail population last week was 95.

Land also stated:

1. Two armor plated windows have been replaced in the jail. Land requested the windows be paid from the cumulative capital fund. Eppley made a motion to pay \$1,400 for the two windows (which includes installation) from the cumulative capital fund - jail complex. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. He has entered into a contract with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC to provide the jail commissary with items to be sold and bookkeeping of the funds. The service agreement is for three years with automatic one year renewals. This will eliminate one full-time and one part-time staff position, although the part-time position may need to be reinstated next year.

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.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 10/21/2017. The commissioners approved the claims.

The commissioners reviewed the following items:

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission agenda for 11/8/2017 and the minutes for the 9/13/2017 meeting.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 6, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Josh Sigler, News Journal reporter David Fenker and Wabash County Chief Deputy Tyler Guenin.