

November 6, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 6, 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 30, 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 presented:

1. A petition to alter traffic control devices. The petition is to remove stop signs on Ogden Road at 200 W for both north and south-bound traffic. If approved this will require amending Ordinance 2012-85-12. The commissioners took the petition under advisement.
2. A request to present to council an additional appropriation of \$50,000 for stone and gravel. 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 is currently housing 87 inmates with 51 inmates at the Miami County Jail, 1 inmate at the Elkhart County Jail and 1 inmate at the Blackford County Jail.

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.

Elaine Martin, Wabash County Clerk presented two contracts from CSI for the 2018 Case Management System. The one-year contracts are for maintenance (\$1,500) and hardware (\$12,284). In 2019, the county will switch to the state based Odyssey program. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contracts. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 11/06/2017. The commissioners approved the claims.

Lisa Shanabarger asked what has been done regarding her previous request for the county to look into ways they could help address the drug epidemic in Wabash County. Givens stated the commissioners have been in contact with Indiana State Senator Andy Zay, who is looking into possible legislative changes to help with the crisis. Locally there is a substance addiction support program at the First United Methodist Church called Brianna's Hope. Shanabarger stated that monetary resources are a huge problem because most people need financial assistance to be get off of and remain off of drugs. Givens stated he believes Senator Zay's efforts may help address some of these issues.

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The commissioners reviewed the following items:

 IDEM Notice – Thermafiber Inc. – Approval – Changes that are administrative in nature.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 13, 2017.

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