

November 13, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 13, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with three commissioners present: Givens, Brian K. Haupert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Haupert 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 road-cut permit from Eads & Son Bulldozing, Inc. to replace an 18" tile under Singer Road. The cut will be 1,800' north of 1100 N. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A request to present to council an additional appropriation of \$20,000 for equipment repairs. Haupert 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 82 inmates with 49 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 5 transports to other facilities and 14 new book-ins. The peak population was 85.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented an ordinance amending Ordinance 2012-85-12 which would provide for the removal on two stop signs on North Ogden Road. Eppley stated he would like more time to consider the proposed ordinance. The commissioners agreed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 11/4/2017. The commissioners approved the claims.

Lisa Shanabarger thanked the commissioners for their efforts to help combat the drug epidemic. She asked how many inmates are incarcerated for drug related issues. Givens stated he believed the figure to be around 44%. Sheriff Land concurred. Land stated that the probation and community corrections departments have started a voluntary drug rehab program for inmates currently housed in Miami County.

The commissioners reviewed the following items:

IDEM Notice – Ford Meter Box – Approval – Changes that are administrative in nature.

The meeting was held in recess until 9:30 a.m. for the opening of bids, as advertised, for the 2019-2022 cyclical re-assessment.

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At 9:30a.m. Givens called the meeting back to order. Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor stated only one bid had been received. Commissioner Givens opened the sealed bid from Accurate Assessments, Inc., Fort Wayne, IN. The total bid for four years was \$510,000. Schenkel stated that this amount is \$7,000 less per year than their previous contract. Hauptert made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 20, 2017.

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