

## December 11, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 11, 2017. Chairman Scott E. Givens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all 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 December 4, 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 a road-cut permit from Bowman Farms to replace a drainage tile on 1050 S just east of America Road. 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 85 inmates with 45 inmates at the Miami County Jail, 1 inmate at the Elkhart County Jail and 3 inmates at the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 20 new book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 86.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented Resolution 2017-85-08 which would begin the process to transfer a tax sale certificate to the Wabash County Fair Association, Inc. (The property is adjacent to the Wabash County Fairgrounds.) Hauptert made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-85-08. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 12/2/2017. The commissioners approved all claims.

John Hartsough county resident and Nicole Novak a former researcher at the University of Michigan who now resides in Iowa, presented information about the possible benefits of establishing a county photo ID program. It would allow individuals who do not have another type of photo ID to be able to access programs in which they may not otherwise be able to participate. Novak stated even that getting some medications from a pharmacy and volunteering at a school may require a photo ID. Novak stated that local law enforcement agencies would need to support the implementation of such a program. The commissioners thanked Hartsough and Novak for presenting the information.

The commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM Notice for Brook's Construction Company for public comment for a federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP)

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2. Mediacom rate changes for 2018

A 2-1-1 memorandum of understanding with the Wabash County United Fund was presented for the 2017-2018 year. It was tabled pending further review.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, December 18, 2017.

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker and Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.