

February 5, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 5, 2018. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Haupert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Darren Bates, Data Pit Stop, Inc. stated that when county drain reconstruction or maintenance funds are invested, per state statute, the interest earned shall be credited to the maintenance or general drain improvement funds. Bates just wanted to be sure the commissioners are aware of this statute.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff was present but no inmate report was available. That information will be provided later.

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 allowances for docket ending 2/5/2018.
2. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 1/27/2018.

The commissioners approved all claims.

Eppley stated a number of commissioner appointments need to occur. Although the list is not yet complete, he did request the following appointments:

Central Dispatch Advisory Board: Scott Givens

Northeast Regional Partnership: Barry Eppley

Northeast Indiana Mayor & Commissioner Caucus: Barry Eppley

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals: Terry Knee, Bob Lundquist and
Jon Rosen

Public Records Commission: Brian Haupert

County Veteran Service Officer: Sam Daugherty

Weights & Measure Inspector: Todd Titus

County Tax Abatement Committee: Scott Givens

Community Corrections Advisory Council: Barry Eppley

Transit Advisory Council: Barry Eppley

Visit Wabash County Board of Directors: Beverly Vanderpool, Howard Kaler
& Jan Roland.

Plan Commission Board: Re-affirming David Schuler

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All commissioners are on the Drainage Board, Re-development Commission and Solid Waste Management District Board.

Eppley made a motion to approve the preceding list of appointees. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting was held in recess until 9:30 a.m. for the advertised opening of bids for the replacement of Bridge #155.

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

The following bids were received and opened:

Primco Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$639,476.67
LaPorte Construction Co. Inc.	LaPorte, IN	\$691,670.00

Eppley made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Givens 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, February 12, 2018.

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Maciejewski, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis and LaPorte Construction Co. Inc. representative Lori Schad.