

## February 12, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 12, 2018. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 5, 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.

Beth Gillespie, president of the Lagro Canal Foundation described some of the work the foundation is doing in and around the town of Lagro. The foundation was formed to promote revitalization of the town through education, historic preservation, beautification of public spaces and marketing Lagro's natural amenities. The LCF is actively pursuing grants and partnerships and has organized fund raisers to help support their efforts. In April 2017, three downtown buildings were purchased as part of the project. Over 200 volunteer hours have been committed to the revitalization of these buildings which are in urgent need of new roofs at an estimated cost is \$50,000. An anonymous donor has pledged \$20,000 as a matching donation if the foundation can find other sources to match that amount by June 30, 2018. The LCF asked the commissioners to help support this project by contributing \$20,000 toward the new roofs. Givens made a motion to take the request under advisement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a road-cut permit from Norfolk and Southern Railway to replace a tile to resolve a water issue. The road-cut is on 200 W north of 1400 N and just north of the railroad. He requested that the road permit fee be waived as it will help solve a water issue for the road. Givens made a motion to approve the permit with no fee. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also recommended the bids for Bridge #155 on Meridian Road over Clear Creek (February 5, 2018) remain under advisement pending further discussions. The commissioners agreed.

Martin noted Bridge #118 on 75 E over Burr Creek will be closed for reconstruction beginning today through May.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 94 inmates with 43 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail.

Land stated he is starting the process of purchasing two Dodge Chargers, one pick-up truck and a transport van. The Chargers and the pick-up will be on a lease agreement.

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

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Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented an agreement request to use of the Roann Covered Bridge for a wedding on July 14, 2018. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

Givens made a motion to appoint Brian Hauptert to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the EMA Advisory Board. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Review Item: Mediacom rate increase effective March 1, 2018.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 19, 2018.

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Maciejewski, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Lagro Canal Foundation representatives Lavonne Sparling, Deborah Strange, Arthur Strange, Kristie Bone and David Terflinger and Butler Seifert and Fairman representative Toby Steffen.