

March 12, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 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 March 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.

A public hearing was held for the re-establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-85-01

**AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

By Ordinance 2002-IV, the Board of Commissioners established the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under I.C. 6-1.1-41.

The Board now wishes to modify the tax rate for that fund. Modifying the tax rate requires the Board to formally re-establish the fund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDANINED AS FOLLOWS:

The Wabash County Cumulative Capital Development Fund is now re-established for all uses as set out in I.C. 36-9-14.5.

The new tax rate will not exceed \$0.0333 on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

Said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2018 payable 2019.

Proofs of publication of the public hearing held on the 12th day of March 2018, and a certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance of the State of Indiana as provided by law.

This Capital Development Fund is subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government Finance.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March, 2018.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Brian Hauptert, Chairman**

There were no comments from taxpayers on the re-establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-85-01. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-85-01 on second reading. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

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1. A utility permit from NIPSCO to install 600' of a new 3" gas main along the west side of 650 W starting 1927' north of 1000 N and going north to provide new service at 10292 N and 10295 N 650 W. Four bell-holes will be dug to make the connections. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A utility permit from Wertenberger Tiling and Excavating to bore under Bonestead Road to place a drainage tile. The work will be done a ¼ mile south of 1500 N. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 95 inmates with 38 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 6 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities.

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

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

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

Local residents Lisa Shanabarger and Cheryl Ulshafer asked several questions about the drug epidemic within the county and what rehab programs are available to drug users. Sheriff Land spoke on a drug program that is implemented in Miami County (where most of the county's sentenced inmates are housed). Due to state requirements only sentenced inmates are eligible to participate. Land also stated a drug steering committee has been formed to address issues on the drug related deaths/crimes and to investigate how to obtain grant funding for treatment programs. It was stated that Brianna's Hope is a possible resource to assist with rehabilitation.

Shanabarger also asked if some commissioners' meetings could be held in the evening so more people could attend. The commissioners agreed to consider the possibility but expressed concern it would cause some employees to have to be paid overtime.

Ulshafer questioned the county coroner's policy regarding autopsies and if it can be modified to be more lenient toward the family's wishes.

The commissioners thanked the ladies for their time and sharing their concerns.

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

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Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Maciejewski, County Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, County Plan Director Mike Howard and Martha Brothers.