

April 23, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 23, 2018. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the April 16, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A utility permit from Baseline Communications to bury a fiber line along the south side of 1400 N from Blickenstaff Road (200 E) approximately 1,100 feet west to the access drive for an existing cell tower. Givens made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A statement of just compensation for four parcels which need to be acquired to install safety rails following the replacement of Bridge 151 (1200 S over Cart Creek). The agreement is for \$3,550. One individual who owns all four parcels. Givens made a motion to approve the just compensation agreement. Eppley seconded a motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Recommended awarding the 2019 winter salt bid to Cargill, Inc. They submitted the lowest bid of \$128,336 for 1,600 tons at a unit price of \$80.21 per ton. Eppley made a motion to approve the recommendation. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 89 inmates with 41 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Blackford County Jail and 5 in the Elkhart County Jail.

Land introduced Barry Grossman, Senior Vice-President of Crossroads Bank. Grossman presented a lease purchase agreement for two new sheriff cars and one new pick-up truck. The total price is \$76,738. There is also a document prep fee of \$350. The interest rate at 3.4%. The loan will be paid off in three years via semi-annual payments. Givens made a motion to approve the lease purchase agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Land stated the quote presented previously to purchase a new transport van is good only until the end of the month and he needs to know how to proceed. Givens made a motion to purchase the transport van from Dorais Chevrolet for \$24,251 (April 2, 2018). Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Land also stated that Community Corrections has six old style bunk beds they no longer use. Since the beds were purchased through the sheriff's department out of commissary funds, they have given back to the sheriff's department. Land deemed the beds to be junk and would like to dispose of them. The commissioners agreed.

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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 was present with nothing to report.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 30, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Maciejewski, News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash County Council Chairman Randy Curless, Major Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff Department and County Coroner Suzie Lewis.