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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 30, 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 23, 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.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA presented invoices and claims for the first quarter of the 2018 Wabash County Public Transportation 5311 Grant. The commissioners signed the report.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under Old SR 15 at the intersection of 350 S to restore service to 3500 S Old SR 15. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A close-out request letter for DES #1382115 Countywide Bridge Inspection for 2014 – 2017 inventory/inspection cycle. The letter will close all purchase orders for this project. Givens made a motion to approve the close-out letter. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 98 inmates with 37 housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Blackford County Jail and 4 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 28 new bookings and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 98.

Land also stated:

1. A replacement jail officer was hired and began working on April 22, 2018.
2. The transmission in a 2006 Chevy Blazer has stopped working. The cost to replace it is \$2,300 which is more than the value of the vehicle. Land asked how to proceed with disposal of the vehicle. The commissioners will look into the matter.
3. When restitution is collected from a prisoner for destroying county property, it is deposited with the clerk. The clerk then transfers payment to the auditor's office which deposits it into the County General Fund. Because the sheriff has no knowledge when restitution is paid, he is not able to ask for an additional appropriation for that amount. Land asked if such repair claims could simply be paid from County General since that is where such restitutions are deposited. The commissioners agreed.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and request for participation in a new Statewide Case Management System (CMS). The county courts plan to begin using the new Odyssey system by January 1,

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2019. Givens made a motion to approve the MOU. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated Thursday is the National Day of Prayer and participants will meet at noon on the north lawn of the courthouse.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 4/21/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

Tina Henderson, Mendenhall & Associates LLC requested that Wabash County serve as the lead applicant for a Community Development Block Grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). The grant would be for Lighthouse Mission to purchase and remodel a building for their use. The county currently participates in two other block grants with OCRA and is only allowed to be involved in three active grants at one time. Henderson stated a public hearing would need to be held on May 21, 2018. Eppley made a motion to approve Wabash County being the lead applicant on an OCRA grant for Lighthouse Mission. 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, May 7, 2018.

Also present: Wabash County Sheriff Department Major Tyler Guenin, and County Plan Director Mike Howard.