

## May 7, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 7, 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 30, 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.

Keith Gillenwater, President/CEO, Grow Wabash County presented a proclamation and asked the commissioners for their approval. It declares May 7 through May 12, 2018 as National Economic Development Week. Eppley made a motion to approve the proclamation. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore along 275 W between Lakeside Drive and Ireland Drive to relocate copper cable that is in conflict with a county drain. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A change order from Primco Inc. for Bridge 118 (over Burr Creek). It decreases the original contract of \$323,144.28 to \$291,479.58, for a savings of \$31,664.70. Givens made a motion to approve the change order. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A certificate of substantial completion for Bridge 118 project. Givens made a motion to approve the certificate. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. The county wide bridge inspection began last Thursday. (Contract was signed January 29, 2018.)

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 104 inmates with 36 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 3 in the Blackford County Jail and 4 in the Elkhart County Jail.

Land also stated:

1. Two replacement deputies will soon be attending the law enforcement academy. Their training should be completed in September.
2. The proposed contract with Miami County to provide inmate housing has been amended and returned to Miami County for approval. The contract establishes the fee for housing prisoners at \$40 per day. (The current fee is \$35 per day.)
3. A 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck has been purchased. Land is still considering options for disposal of the 2006 Chevy Blazer which has a bad transmission.

Bob Brown, County EMA Assistant Director stated:

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1. An emergency management training exercise was held in North Manchester on May 2, 2018. North Manchester Fire Chief Cam Kissinger was thanked for working on the planning team and helping to organize the training. There were 30 participants.
2. The IDHS (Indiana Department of Homeland Security) will be visiting the county within the next two weeks. During this time they will meet to review and discuss infrastructure damages that occurred in February due to flooding.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative 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. The accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 5/7/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.
2. Requested permission to dispose of nine HP computer shells and one server. The hard drives have been removed and destroyed. Givens made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

As advertised, a public hearing was held at 9:15 a.m. regarding the proposed vacation of an alley in Laketon.

Mike Howard, County Plan Director spoke on behalf of Jeff and Rachel Cook who petitioned to vacate an alley in Laketon. The alley is between lots 59 and 65 of the original plat of the Town of Laketon. The Cooks own the land on both sides and have encroached into the alley with a shed. No one was present to object to the vacation. Givens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-85-03 to vacate the alley. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve the ordinance on seconded reading. 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 14, 2018.

Also present: Wabash County Sheriff Department Major Tyler Guenin, News Journal reporter David Fenker and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Maciejewski.