

June 04, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 4, 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 Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho. The minutes of the May 29, 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 AT&T to bore and pull new fiber optic cable along Division Road, 600 E, 50 S, 650 E and Salamonie Dam Road. The commissioners approved.
2. A request to set June 25, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to accept rebids for the Bridge 155 reconstruction project (Meridian Road north of North Manchester). The commissioners agreed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates with 42 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 7 in Elkhart County and 2 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 26 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities.

Land also stated he has a 2012 Charger with a trade-in value of \$3,000 and a 2010 Charger with a trade-in value of \$600. He requested permission to trade them in. The commissioners agreed. Land also reported he will move the 2006 Chevy Trailblazer to the county highway garage and advertise it for sale.

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.

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Deputy Auditor presented accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 6/04/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

The commissioners reviewed the following items:

1. IDEM Notice – Approval – Ford Meter Box – Modification at an existing source
2. Unsafe Building Hearing – 362 E. Hill Street, Wabash, IN at Wabash City Hall on June 21, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned until 9:30 a.m. for a public hearing.

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At a 9:30 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding the vacation of a street, alley, or other public way in the Town of New Madison (Servia).

Wallace Dingess explained why he would like the portion of unimproved Sims Street in Fousts Second Addition to the Town of New Madison (Servia) to be vacated. He stated this section is currently unimproved and he and his father have been maintaining the north half since 1975. He understands the vacated area would need to be split equally between himself and the other adjacent land owner.

The commissioners asked if the proper notices were served. Having found that to be the case and with no one was present to object they proceeded with the hearing. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-85-04. Givens seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley motioned 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 2018-85-04 on second reading; Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Also present: Lindsay Swihart with Arc of Wabash County, News Journal reporter David Fenker and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Chrisman.