

**June 25, 2018**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 25, 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 June 18, 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. Road cut permit from Andrew Bolinger to replace a field tile on 700 N ½ west of the Wabash/Miami County line. The 15" tile was installed 7 years ago and has failed. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A request to replace a mechanic because the employee received another job offer. Commissioners approved the request.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 96 inmates with 32 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in Elkhart County Jail and 1 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week, there were 25 bookings and 15 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 103. Land stated Miami, Blackford and Elkhart counties will not be accepting any more prisoners at this time.

Land requested permission to fill a job vacancy for two jail officers. The merit deputy position has been filled.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented:

1. A Memorandum of Understanding with Grandstaff Hentgen for use of the lower level of their facility as a staging area for the coroner until a permanent location can be established. Givens made the motion to approve and sign the memorandum. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Downs stated that the time frame for financing approval for the purchase of the Family Physicians building expires on June 29. He is under the understanding that the Council will deny the resolution approving the purchase of the building and so he is seeking permission to inform Family Physicians of the outcome of the Council meeting this evening. Commissioners agreed.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. The accounts payroll claims and allowances for docket ending 6/16/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.
2. A contract with Maximus Consulting Services who prepare our cost allocation plan. The contract is for three-years in the annual amount of

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\$5,250. Eppley made the motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. Requested permission to sell an obsolete printer that the Purdue Extension longer needs for the amount of \$20.00 which is based on the amount received for other printers that were previously sold. Commissioners agreed to sell the printer.

The commissioners reviewed the following item:

IDEM Notice – 30 day period for public comment – Alloy Recycling LLC

The meeting was held in recess until the designated time for opening bids.

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to open bids for the 2006 Chevy Blazer. Eppley made the motion to close the bids. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received;

Cherish Leming     \$350.00

Walt Long             \$425.00

Givens made the motion to take the bids under advisement. Eppley 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, July 2, 2018.

Also present: News Journal reporter David Fenker, County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks and Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis.