

July 2, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 2, 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 25, 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 of Grow Wabash County provided an update of activities since the merging the Wabash Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Group of Wabash County. Gillenwater also presented a new fee for service contract. All terms remain the same except for the name of Wabash County Business Alliance Foundation Inc., doing business as Grow Wabash County. Eppley made a motion to take the contract under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 90 inmates with 35 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 7 in the Elkhart County Jail and 4 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 18 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 96.

Land also stated:

1. Several concrete steps at the jail need to be replaced. One quote has been received but he is waiting on another.
2. Received a quote from Intrasect Technologies for the installation of a new radio/recording telephone system. Intrasect quoted \$11,661.40. This amount is outside the current Assure-It service agreement.
3. An air conditioner at the jail has stopped working. The repair quote is \$1,100 for parts but no labor cost was included. Wohlford Heating & Refrigeration will complete the work.
4. Eight shower stalls need to have push button valves installed. The cost for eight valves will be \$4,603.93. Greg Harnish, Maintenance Supervisor can perform the work. Givens made a motion to approve the purchase of eight valves. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 7/2/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

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Hauptert stated the bids for the 2006 Chevy Blazer have been reviewed. Givens made a motion to award the bid to Walter Long for \$425.00. Eppley seconded the motion it passed by a 3-0 vote.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer requested permission to investigate the process and cost which would allow the county to accept credit cards for the payment of property taxes. She has spoken with other counties who offer this service. The commissioners agreed for her to proceed.

The commissioners reviewed the following items:

- IDEM Notice – construction permit approval - Chester Heights Sanitary Sewer
- IDEM Notice – Approval permit renewal - Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc.
- IDEM Notice – Waste water treatment plant construction permit - MSD Schools

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 9, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer Andrew Christman, County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, Ryan Baker and Tenille Zartman.