

July 16, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 16, 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 July 9, 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:

1. Presented a utility permit for Frontier Communications to bore across 100 E and plow 35' along 100 E (south of 250 S) to restore customer service. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Recommended accepting the low bid from Primco of \$470,047.56 for replacement of Bridge 155 (Meridian Road over Clear Creek). Eppley made a motion to approve the low bid. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 84 inmates with 40 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 6 in the Elkhart County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 13 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 92.

Land presented a quote from Crystal Glass & Exteriors LLC to replace a broken window in a jail door. The quote is \$375. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Land stated he currently has four positions open for jail officers but recently hired individuals for all four openings. He expects the new officers to begin working by July 30, 2018. He still needs to hire one jail officer for additional (new) position which the council approved on June 25th.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Recorder requested permission to bring before county council a "request to spend" to purchase additional software. It will allow a watermark to appear on copies of documents that are purchased online to prevent reselling. The cost is \$2,000 and will be paid from the Recorder's perpetuation fund. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for the docket ending on 6/16/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, News Journal reporter David Fenker, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks and merit officer Ryan Baker.