

July 9, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 9, 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 2, 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.

Mitch Figert, President & CEO Wabash County Historical Museum presented updates on the museum. The attendance has tripled within the past years. Projects and educational programs are being offered and artifacts are being archived. Figert thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented an utility permit for NIPSCO Gas Company to replace a regulator station on the east side of 300 W just south of 1400 N. Four bell holes will be dug to remove the old station and install the new regulator station. Givens made the motion the motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 92 inmates with 32 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in the Elkhart County Jail and 4 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 91.

Land presented a contract with Miami County for housing inmates, after review with the county attorney the contract is for \$40.00 per day for housing inmates. Eppley made the motion to approve the contract. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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 presented a quote from Intrasect for \$5,811.40 for the installation of the computers for the courts and clerk. After some discussion, Eppley made the motion to approve the quote pending further review. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dils stated the Clerk has several file cabinets that are not being utilized and will be offering them to other county departments. This also may result in offering the cabinets for sale to the public at a future date.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending on 6/30/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

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The commissioners reviewed the following items:

- IDEM Notice – Approval – modification at an existing source – Ford Meter Box

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

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to open the bids for replacing bridge #155 (Meridian Road over Clear Creek). Givens made the motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

Primco, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$470,047.56
RG Zachrich	Defiance, OH	\$629,984.00

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 18, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer Andrew Christman, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, News Journal Reporter David Fenker and Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc. representative Toby Steffen.