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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 23, 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 16, 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.

Christine Flohr, Executive Director of Tourism stated part of the annual county allocation (\$75,000) is being used for updating gateway signage into small towns. Currently INDOT has approved replacing signage into North Manchester and the Town of Lagro. She also reported a new public kiosk (the 4th county location) has been installed at the Wabash Parkview Hospital which has been very popular. The commissioners thanked her for the update.

Sandy Beeks, County Central Dispatch Director reported a letter has been received from the Town of North Manchester. The town has decided to close its dispatch center and have Wabash County take over dispatching for that area. This change is expected to take effect January 1, 2019. Beeks stated she will need to install another console and increase the staff. J&K Communications has estimated the cost to purchase and install a new console and add the town's radio frequency would be approximately \$60,000. Beeks stated she is not aware how long it will take to have the console to become fully operational. Givens made a motion to proceed with ordering the new equipment. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated that the commissioners received the same letter and the January 1, 2019 effective date should be achievable. He added that moving up that date up could be an issue as to the equipment and manpower may not be available should such a request occur. Downs was asked to draft a letter in response to the town's request.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A request from the highway department staff to consider changing the work schedule during the summer months to four ten-hour days. Two employees did not sign the request. Eppley made a motion to take it under advisement. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Invited the commissioners to attend a Community Crossing meeting at INDOT in Fort Wayne at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018.
3. Requested a signature on a contract status inquiry for Bridge 118. The contract has been fulfilled. The contract was signed.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 37 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in the Elkhart County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 18

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book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 90.

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 the proposed schedule of holidays for 2019. The county follows the same schedule as the State of Indiana.

Wabash County Government 2019 Legal Holidays

The following is a list of the 2019 Wabash County Government holidays and the dates on which they will be observed:

January 1, 2019	Tuesday	New Year's Day
January 21, 2019	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
April 19, 2019	Friday	Good Friday
May 7, 2019	Tuesday	Primary Election Day
May 27, 2019	Monday	Memorial Day
July 4, 2019	Thursday	Independence Day
September 2, 2019	Monday	Labor Day
October 14, 2019	Monday	Columbus Day
November 5, 2019	Tuesday	General Election Day
November 11, 2019	Monday	Veterans Day
November 28, 2019	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 2019	Friday	Lincoln's Birthday
December 24, 2019	Tuesday	Washington's Birthday
December 25, 2019	Wednesday	Christmas Day

These official 2019 State Holidays were adopted by the Wabash County Commissioners on July 23, 2018.

Wabash County Government will grant paid holiday time off to all eligible employees who have completed 30 calendar days of service in an eligible employment classification. Holiday pay will be calculated based on the employee's straight-time pay rate (as of the date of the holiday) times the number of hours the employee would otherwise have worked on that day. Eligible employee classification(s): Regular full-time employees and introductory employees who have completed at least 30 calendar days of service.

Eppley made a motion to approve the holiday schedule for 2019.

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Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowance for the pay period ending for 7/14/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

Kevin Carter stated he would like the intersection at the corner of his property (300 W and 1150 N) reviewed by the commissioners and the highway department. Drivers round the intersection and drive through his yard. Recently he placed a small fence at the corner of his property but it was run into and destroyed. Carter presented photos of the fence taken both before and after it was demolished. This issue has been ongoing and he would like the county to do something to resolve it. Carter stated the county highway placed reflectors at the intersection but that has not helped. The commissioners stated they would look into the matter.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 30, 2018.

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