

August 6, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 6, 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 30, 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.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County COA, Inc. presented for approval the 2018 Wabash County Transit 5311 Grant for the second quarter. The reimbursement is \$94,062. She stated they have begun scheduling rides further apart which reduces the number of transports that can occur. Ferry stated the rides are on a first-come, first-served basis.

County resident Nicole Hicks stated she has a disabled adult son who has a summer job at Hoffman Nursery. She has called Wabash County Transit several times to have her son dropped off and picked up from his job but was told they were not able to do that every time. She was requesting for one month beginning August 15. Because Transit told her they cannot accommodate her requests, her son will be forced to quit his job a month earlier than planned. Hicks stated her son and others are trying to be good productive citizens but the lack of available public transportation is affecting the child's ability to interact with the community. The commissioners stated they would look into the issue.

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

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates with 47 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in the Elkhart County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 30 book-ins and 14 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 97.

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 was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 8/6/2018.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 7/28/2018.

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, August 13, 2018.

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Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, The Paper reporter David Fenker, County Chief Probation Officer Sarah Lochner, sheriff elect Ryan Baker, County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks and EMA District 3 Coordinator Rick Dolsen