

## August 20, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 20, 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 August 13, 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.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Sheriff Bob Land presented a quote to lease a new phone and recording system through Mitel. The contract was not approved at that time pending review by Wabash County attorney Steve Downs. Jim Dils again presented the contract of \$1,128.40 per month for the rental of 35 phones/recorders and tech support for three years. After further discussion, Eppley made a motion to approve the contract pending Downs requested modification of paragraph 20.0. (References to California and Santa Clara should be changed to Indiana and Wabash.) Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Jim Deniston, Sales Engineer, Intrasect Technologies will contact Mitel and request these changes.

Deniston then presented a quote of \$9,910.23 from Intrasect to install the Mitel phones/recording equipment, Mitel communicator software, required data switches and to provide training for the Sheriff's Department. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote and for it to be paid from Courthouse Complex Jail Facility. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Two road-cut permits from Andrew Bolinger to place culvert pipes under 800 E to run manure pipes through for the Michel Hog Farm. The first location is approximately 1,975 feet north of 800 N on 800 E. The second is approximately 1,300 feet north of 900 N on 800 E. Givens made a motion to approve both requests. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The construction contract with Primco Inc., which was awarded the bid for the construction of Bridge 155 (Meridian Road over Clear Creek). The contract amount is \$470,047.56. Givens made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. The county highway department has completed 20 miles of chip seal.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 95 inmates with 37 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 7 in the Elkhart County Jail and 3 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 18 new book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 97.

Land also stated he has received a new fully executed contract with Miami County to continue to provide supplemental housing for Wabash County inmates.

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 allowances for docket ending 8/20/2018.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 8/11/2018.

The commissioners approved all claims.

Keith Gillenwater, President/CEO, Grow Wabash County requested additional funding for three projects;

1. Wabash County Trade Mission – A group comprised of members of Grow Wabash County, City of Wabash, Honeywell Foundation, Wabash City

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Schools, Northeast Regional Partnership and private business persons will be traveling to China and Japan. They will focus on establishing key relationships and building upon those already established to further economic, educational and cultural growth in Wabash County. In Japan, the primary purpose will be to focus on economic initiatives. Several companies will be visited for whom (Grow Wabash County) research has indicated are in a positive-growth mode, are actively considering expansion opportunities in the United States and would be a good fit for Wabash County. They will visit Oji Holdings Corporation, the parent company of Oji Intertech in North Manchester, which is looking into expansion. In China, the main focus will be to establish a sister-city relationship with Linhai City, China which has expressed a willingness to establish a relationship with the City of Wabash to facilitate economic development, educational and arts & culture exchanges. A total of \$15,000 is being requested for this project.

2. Leadership Development Wabash County – This eight month course meets once a month and focuses on providing individuals who are new to the community and those advancing in their careers with an opportunity to learn more about the resources, companies and people of Wabash County. A total of \$2,500 is being requested for this program (the same as last year).
3. Grow Wabash County Community Room – New tables and chairs are needed in their conference room which is used by several organizations. The current tables and chairs are not sturdy or large enough for those meetings. The City of Wabash, United Fund of Wabash County and Grow Wabash County are all contributing toward this purchase. The request to the county for this project is \$5,000.

Eppley made a motion to approve all three requests (a total of \$22,500) and for payment be made from EDIT funds. Givens 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, August 27, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, The Paper reporter David Fenker, County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks and Wabash County sheriff elect Ryan Baker.