

## September 17, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 17, 2018. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Haupert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco. The minutes of the September 10, 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 - Visit Wabash County talked about the success of the Dam to Dam ride and the number of visitors it brings into Wabash. Three committee members then shared their concerns about road safety. Dr. Greg Garner spoke of the ride and how he would like to see if we could make the route safer through better communications. Adam Stakeman said it takes a lot of volunteers to make the ride a success but the #1 concern is to have a safe road surface. He stressed that if roads are chip sealed within several weeks of the event it can create an unsafe condition for riders. Amy Ford remarked the ride is pre-planned so if they know in advance what roads are being done they would try to plan around them or possibly the highway department could defer chip seal on those roads until after the event. Haupert expressed appreciation on behalf of the commissioners for all the work the committee does to make the event so successful. He said the highway department will work with the Dam to Dam committee to help ensure the roads are safe.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A road-cut permit from Bob Shultz to replace an 8" tile across Division Road between SR 15 and 200 W. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A road-cut permit from Earthworks for a 4" basement drain on 400 N 60' east of SR 13. Givens made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. The county highway department has completed 74 miles of chip seal.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 104 inmates with 37 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 7 in the Elkhart County Jail and 2 in the Blackford County Jail. Last week there were 31 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities.

Land also presented for signatures:

1. A quote from Intrasect Technologies to install a new phone and recording system at the jail (approved August 20<sup>th</sup>).
2. A revised contract with Mitel to rent phones/recorders and provide tech support for three years (approved August 20<sup>th</sup> but pended for contract changes by Mitel). Land stated that payment of the monthly fee of \$1,128.40 would come out of the Sheriff's budget.

The commissioners signed both documents.

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Land stated that he will be conducting interviews for new merit deputies on September 25 and 27, 2018

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney reported he had emailed to the commissioners an interlocal agreement to be reviewed. It is with the Town of North Manchester (related to the reconstruction of 1100 N from SR 13 to Taylor Drive). Hauptert will review and respond.

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

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Deputy Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 9/17/2018
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 09/08/2018

The Commissioners approved all claims.

The commissioners reviewed the following item: Mediacom changes.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 24, 2018.

Also present: Sheriff Elect – Ryan Baker, County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Chrisman.