

October 29, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 29, 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 October 22, 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 third quarter. The reimbursement is \$110,417. Ferry stated it is vital for the oversight of the Commissioners on the grant to fulfill the State and Federal oversight requirement; Eppley and Ferry will meet separately to review her quarterly report prior to its submittal to the State. Ferry stated her biggest issue currently is finding good reliable drivers.

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

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 99 inmates with 41 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 9 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 14 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 104.

Land requested permission to purchase a used vehicle from commissary funds. Eppley made the motion to approve the request, pending the exact amount of the purchase price of the vehicle. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Land also requested permission to proceed with the lease agreement program to purchase two road cars and a pickup for the 2019 year.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 10/20/2018. Commissioners approved all claims. She also stated that the Celebration of Lights ceremony will be held on Friday, November 16, 2018.

Angela Christopher, Purdue Extension Director, introduced Angie Braden, Community Wellness Coordinator, who works with both Wabash and Miami Counties. Braden is funded through the USDA Food Stamps portion of the farm bill and is a bonus part-time educator. She is primarily focused on limited-resource families to make sure food access and physical activities are available to them.

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Givens stated he wants to make a change in the employee handbook for the sick day policy. He would like to include that a sick day can be taken for a parent and/or immediate family, not just family members residing in your household. Downs stated he would look at the current policy and see about making the necessary changes.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 5, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, North Manchester News-Journal reporter Amanda Bridgman, and Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.