

November 5, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 5, 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 29, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A Statement of Just Compensation for parcel #6 on the 1100 N project. Hauptert signed the statement.
2. Three utility permits:
 - Two from Century Link to replace existing service along the north side of 900 S east of 390 E and replace a deteriorated cable along the north side of 300 N starting at 200 W and going west for 2,200 feet.
 - One from NIPSCO to install gas service to 3154 S 300 W. Two bell holes will be dug in the right-of-way.

Givens made a motion to approve all three permits. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also requested to move the bid date opening for Bridge 701 (Walnut Street over Grant Creek) from November 19 to November 26, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. and to replace two driver/operators. The commissioners agreed to both requests.

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 10 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 28 book-ins and 18 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 108.

Land stated last week he requested permission to purchase two road cars and one pick-up truck for 2019. He needs to amend the request to purchase two pick-up trucks and one road car for a total of \$84,763.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented accounts payable claims for docket ending 11/5/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.

Eppley made a motion to approve a quote of \$3,500 from Quality Electric for plumbing work at the building recently purchased for use as the coroner's office and morgue. The work will include installing water and drain lines for a sink and lavatory and cut the floor to install a drain. The project will be paid from EDIT/Spec Building. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, News-Journal reporter Amanda Bridgman and Wabash County Clerk Elaine Martin.