

November 13, 2018

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 13, 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 November 5, 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 was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 107 inmates with 37 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 10 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 13 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 108.

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:

1. Presented payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 11/3/2018. The commissioners approved all claims.
2. Requested permission for the Sheriff's department to apply for the OPO (Operation Pull Over) grant. This grant is applied for each year.
3. Requested permission for the Circuit Court to apply for an Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) grant. The grant will be partnering with Wabash Valley Volunteer Attorneys (WVVA) to administer monthly legal clinics. These clinics answer basic legal questions and assist low-income clients with basic such as those available on the Court's Self-Service Legal Center website.

Eppley made a motion to approve both requests to apply for grants. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation Officer requested permission to apply for an Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) grant. The funds will be used to hire a nurse to administer MAT (medically assisted treatment) at the jail/work release. Having MAT available both pre-trial and post-conviction has been an ongoing effort and focus of Superior Court and follows the rollout of the pre-trial release program last year. Givens made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kristi Bone asked why the eternal flame is not burning at the Veterans Memorial. Hauptert stated he was not sure but it has not been burning for at least 15 years. The commissioners stated it was a good question and they would look into it.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 19, 2018.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Andrew Christman, The Paper editor Joe Slacian, Sheriff-elect Ryan Baker, Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, County Coroner Suzie Lewis, and County Recorder Lori Draper

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