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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 26, 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 19, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Givens seconded the motion; it passed with a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A utility permit from NIPSCO Gas Company to install service to 2575 E 200 N. Two bell holes will be bored under 200 N. Givens made the motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A road cut permit from Brent Newhouse to install a tile across CR 1150 S (west of 600 W). Givens made the motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A reminder to the Commissioners of a community crossing grant meeting at INDOT district office in Fort Wayne today at 1:00 p.m.
4. Another look at a petition that had been taken under advisement to extend the 30mph speed zone on Old Slocum Trail, which was originally presented on August 13, 2018. Martin stated this stretch of road does not meet any criteria for lowering the speed limit to 30 mph. An engineering study would need to be completed to make this change. Martin felt the lowest speed limit an engineer would recommend is 45 mph. Commissioners requested an ordinance be written to change the speed limit to 45 mph.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 107 inmates with 35 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 10 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 113.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 11/17/2018. Commissioners approved all claims.

Givens made the motion to approve a change on the sick leave policy to state: Effective January 1, 2019, eligible employees may use sick leave benefits for an absence due to their own illness or injury or for an illness or injury in their immediate family. Immediate family means spouse, child or parent. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Givens made the motion to approve the change in the sick leave

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policy on the second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. An ordinance will be written stating the changes to be signed next week.

The meeting was held in recess until 9:15 a.m. for the opening of bids for Bridge 701 (Walnut Street over Grant Creek) rehabilitation.

At 9:15 a.m. Haupert called the meeting to order out of recess. Givens made the motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

1. Pioneer Associates, Albion IN	\$299,977.00
2. Primco Inc., Fort Wayne, IN	\$287,792.33
3. RA Meyers Construction Company, Muncie IN	\$336,871.73
4. RG Zachrich Construction, Defiance OH	\$376,197.00

Eppley made the motion to take the bids under advisement. 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. Commissioners will next meet on Monday, December 3, 2018.

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