

**December 3, 2018**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 3, 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 26, 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.

Scott Minnich with United Consulting presented the 2018 Bridge Inventory. Minnich reported that bridge inspections are required by law and must be completed within a twenty-four month cycle. Wabash County is in full compliance with the state and federal requirements for all bridges within Wabash County.

Sarah Lochner, County Chief Probation officer requested permission to apply for the annual JDAI and the IDOC grants. These grants are for the Community Corrections and Probation departments. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent recommended that Primco Inc. be awarded the bid for Bridge 701 (Walnut Street over Grant Creek) rehabilitation. Primco Inc. was the low bidder at \$287,792.33. Givens made a motion to approve the recommendation. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 99 inmates with 40 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 10 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 16 book-ins and 21 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 107.

Land requested that two invoices from Quality Electric be paid out of the commissioners' funds. Eppley made a motion to approve the request and for payment to be made from the Jail Facility account. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented Resolution 2018-85-04 for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE THAT DAVID BRIGHT AND GREG WOOD SHALL EACH REMAIN  
IN OFFICE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED**

At the election held November 6, 2018, April DeVore was elected to the Waltz Township Advisory Board, ostensibly to replace David Bright, who chose not to seek re-election. Ms. DeVore has announced that she will not assume that office. David Bright is willing to remain in office until his successor is elected and qualified.

Also, at the election held November 6, 2018, Diana K. Heath was elected to the Liberty Township Advisory Board, ostensibly to replace incumbent Greg Wood, who chose not to

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seek re-election. Ms. Heath has announced that she will not assume that office. Greg Wood is willing to remain in office until his successor is elected and qualified.

IT IS NOW RESOLVED THAT, under the powers granted to the Board of Commissioners under I.C. 3-1-10-6.5:

1. That David Bright shall continue as a member of the Waltz Township Advisory Board until his successor is elected and qualified.
2. That Greg Wood shall continue as a member of the Liberty Township Advisory Board until his successor is elected and qualified.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2018.

Eppley made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-85-04. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. The commissioners' (live) certificate sale services addendum to the SRI master service contract for signatures. SRI Inc. conducts the tax and certificate sales for the county. The certificate sale will be held on February 27, 2019. Givens made a motion to approve the addendum. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented Ordinance 2018-85-08 for signatures. This ordinance was approved on November 26, 2018 and makes changes to the sick leave policy for county employees.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, December 10, 2018.

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