

## January 7, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 7, 2019. Auditor Marcie Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Jeff D. Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. Shepherd requested nominations for commissioner chairman. Hauptert made a motion to nominate Barry Eppley as commissioner chairman for 2019. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Shepherd then turned the meeting over to chairman Eppley. Eppley requested nominations for vice-chairman. Hauptert made a motion to nominate Jeff Dawes as vice-chairman. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Dawes abstained.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. for the rehabilitation of Bridge 144 (1050 S over Grant Creek). The contract is for engineering services to repair the bridge which was washed out by flooding, with the amount not to exceed \$83,000. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Recommended acceptance of the low bid of \$365,029.30 (December 17, 2018) from Duncan Robertson for the Bridge 151 project (1200 S over Cart Creek). Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Martin also stated most of the required right-of-way signatures have been acquired for the 1100 N project.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 98 inmates with 44 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 8 in Elkhart County jail. Last week there were 31 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 102.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented:

1. Interlocal agreement for funding and operations of a central emergency communications department between the Town of North Manchester and Wabash County. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Interlocal agreement for funding and operations of a central emergency communications department between the City of Wabash and Wabash County. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract pending signatures from the City. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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3. Interlocal agreement to provide a subsidy for ambulance and emergency medical services between the Town of North Manchester and Wabash County. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Interlocal agreement to provide a subsidy for ambulance and emergency medical services between the City of Wabash and Wabash County. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract pending signatures from the City. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Keith Gillenwater, Susan Ross and Downs presented a contract for professional economic development services between Wabash County and Wabash County Business Alliance, Inc. dba Grow Wabash County. The contract is the same as before with just a name change to Grow Wabash County. Hauptert made a motion to approve the fee for services agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Professional service contract between the Wabash County Commissioners and Downs, Tandy, & Petruniw, P.C. to advise and represent the commissioners in legal matters. The contract allows for a \$25.00 per hour increase, which would be the first increase since the original agreement in 2007. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable and allowances for docket ending 1/7/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 12/29/2018. Commissioners approved all claims.

It was agreed that following boards will be represented by the commissioners as listed below:

Central Dispatch Advisory Board – Jeff Dawes  
County Tax Abatement Committee – Jeff Dawes  
Northeast Regional Partnership – Barry Eppley  
Northeast Indiana Mayor & Commissioners Caucus – Barry Eppley  
Plan Commission Board – Jeff Dawes  
Region III A – Brian Hauptert  
Transit Advisory Board – Barry Eppley  
Grow Wabash County – Brian Hauptert  
Emergency Management Advisory Council – Brian Hauptert  
Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) –  
Public Records Commission – Barry Eppley

All commissioners are on:

Drainage Board  
Solid Waste Board

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Redevelopment Commission.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Also present: The Paper reporter Josh Sigler, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin, sheriff deputies Gatlin Burton and Corey Puglisi, Kaitlin Gebby, Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks and Dean Stouffer and Jed Dirk with LaFontaine Gravel Inc.