

January 14, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 14, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a utility permit from CenturyLink to replace a section of buried cable along 200 N between 700 W and 800 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested that February 4, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. be set as the bid opening date and time for the 1100 N reconstruction project. The commissioners agreed.
3. Ron Francis, Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. has stated that parcels for the 1100 N project have been secured.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 101 inmates with 53 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 9 in Elkhart County jail. Last week there were 31 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 107.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented an interlocal agreement to provide a subsidy for ambulance and emergency medical services between the City of Wabash and Wabash County. The contract is for five years (01/01/2019 - 12/31/2023) with a 2% increase each year. 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 a contractual services agreement between Purdue University on behalf of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. The one-year agreement is for the county to provide \$111,695 of financial assistance for three educators. This amount was approved by the Wabash County Council and included in the 2019 Wabash County budget. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes 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. The commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Also present: The Paper reporter Josh Sigler and Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.