

## February 4, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 4, 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. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Brenda Hegel, Deputy Treasurer presented a letter from Worrell Corporation which authorizes the company to print and mail the 2019 property tax bills. The commissioners had approved the request on January 28, 2019 pending review by the county attorney. That review has been completed so the letter was signed.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer Living Well in Wabash County COA presented the 2018 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report for the 5311- Transportation Grant. An invoice for \$60,221 will be submitted to the state and federal governments for reimbursement. Ferry stated she and Eppley will be meeting soon to review the financial documents.

Bob Ferguson, Roann Clerk-Treasurer reported that the old Roann School has been razed. Ferguson thanked the commissioners for their assistance on the grant project. It was an undertaking the town could not have accomplished without support from county government. Ferguson presented the commissioners with a key ring, which included wood from the school's gym floor, as a token of appreciation. The commissioners presented Ferguson with a quit claim deed to give the county's interest in the school ground back to the Town of Roann. Haupert made a motion to sign the deed. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

At 9:15 a.m. the meeting was held in recess for the opening of bids received for the reconstruction of 1100 N. Haupert made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

1. E & B Paving Inc.	Huntington, IN	\$1,452,205.46
2. Phend & Brown Inc.	Milford, IN	\$1,287,982.28

Haupert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Local roads and bridges matching grant agreement with INDOT for signatures regarding the 1100 N reconstruction project. The county was awarded up to one million dollars from the state for this project. Haupert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Contract completion certification document from Ohio Farmers Insurance for Bridge 118 (75 E over Burr Creek). The project has been completed.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 111 inmates with 47 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 10 in Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 15 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 113.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 2/4/2019.

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2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 1/26/2019.  
The commissioners approved all claims.

Shepherd presented a request that Larry Jamerson be appointed to the Laketon Regional Area Sewer District Board. (He replaces Cheri Slee and will serve until 12/31/2022.) Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. 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 Monday, February 11, 2019.

Also present: The Paper report Josh Sigler, Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Kaitlin Gebby, Cory Staley and Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks.