

## February 11, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 11, 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 February 4, 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.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore across 100 W and install 40' of cable along the west side of 100 W to restore service to 2609 S 100 W. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Road cut permit from Bill Winger to install field tile across 1000 N ½ mile west of Philabaum Road. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Recommendation to accept the low bid from Phend & Brown Inc. for the 1100 N reconstruction project. The low bid was \$1,287,982.28. The project is also being funded by the Community Crossing matching grant program and the Town of North Manchester. Haupert made a motion to approve the low bid. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Supplemental Agreement #1 (to the September 18, 2017 agreement) with Butler Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for the 1100 N project. The supplemental agreement is for construction inspection on the project which is not to exceed \$98,000. The total of the original agreement and the supplemental agreement is not to exceed \$355,430.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 107 inmates with 51 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 14 in Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 27 book-ins and 22 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 128.

Baker stated a meeting will take place on February 12th to discuss over-crowding at the jail. Participants will include the judges, prosecutor, chief probation officer and sheriff. The commissioners were also invited to attend.

Baker introduced Barry Grossman with Crossroads Bank. Grossman presented lease agreement #11 for the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Charger. The total amount of the lease is \$25,964 with semi-annual payments of \$4,571.63 for three years. Haupert made a motion to approve lease agreement #11. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated:

1. Construction contract concerning the railroad project with West Plains Mining has been submitted to West Plains.

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2. Mayor Scott Long has requested that the former GDX parcel be removed from the commissioners' tax sale that will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Hauptert and Downs recently participated in a conference call and are waiting on a proposal from a grant writer to conduct an income survey for the Northcliff area. This survey is critical to obtaining a grant.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 18, 2019.

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