

March 4, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 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 February 25, 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 three utility permits from NIPSCO to replace three existing gas pipelines:

1. Replace a 20" pipeline across 200 W, 470 feet south of Troyer Road. This will be an open cut because it is too big and deep to bore.
2. Replace a 16" pipeline on Troyer Road 250 feet west of 200 W. This will also be an open cut replacement.
3. Replace a fitting on 1300 N just west of 300 W. Most of the cut will be in the ditch line but they may need to cut into the roadway.

Haupert made a motion to approve all three permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 110 inmates with 54 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 13 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 15 book-ins and 15 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 117. Total prisoner count was 176.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney stated he had forwarded a proposal from EP Collaboration to complete an income survey for three different service areas. Such surveys are necessary to be able to qualify for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The proposal provided income survey options for: Northcliff area, Speicherville area and Urbana community with a fourth option if all three areas are combined. The commissioners decided the income survey for Northcliff was all that was necessary at this time. Haupert made a motion to proceed with a full-service income survey for the Northcliff area for a total fee of \$1,000 (to be paid from EDIT – Economic Development). Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Downs stated he is still looking into the contract with CSI regarding the requested extension of their software service agreement for the clerk and court offices.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for docket ending 3/4/2019.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 2/23/2019.

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The commissioners approved all claims.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director requested permission for the county highway to assist with unloading an autopsy table when it arrives at the coroner's office. 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, March 11, 2019.

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