

April 29, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 29, 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 April 22, 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.

Sarah Lochner, Director of Court Services requested permission to apply for two problem solving grants - Drug Court and Reentry Court. Each will be for \$10,000. The grants will be used for equipment, incentives and training. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Trisha Hanes, Assistant Chief Probation Officer requested approval to proceed with the 2019 AACTION grants. The award recipients are the same as last year. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion, it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated that Kathleen Randolph with the Workforce Development Board requested a signature on the elected official agreement. Eppley signed the agreement prior to the start of the meeting.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Chief Deputy Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 123 inmates with 41 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 10 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 33 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 124. The total prisoner count was 177.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented a quote from Atlas Building Services for gutter repair and tuckpointing on the south side of the courthouse. The time and material quote of \$15,445 provides for a 66' lift (2-4 weeks) and two people for approximately 7.5 days. Depending on what is discovered, the number of days needed to complete the work may vary. The material costs should be rather insignificant and will be billed outside the quote. Hauptert made a motion to approve the quote with funds coming from CCD - Courthouse Preservation. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 4/20/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

Mike Howard, County Plan Commission Director reported a Parcel Review Committee (PRC) is in the process of being formed by the Assessor, Auditor, Recorder, Planning, GIS Parcel Drawer and Surveyor offices. The committee will review certain deeds that are transferring property for correctness of the legal descriptions prior to the recording of the documents. Splits, combines, vacates, annexations, and any documents containing questionable legal descriptions will be the focus of the committee.

In order to remain compliant with Indiana Code, two ordinances have been drafted, reviewed and approved by Mr. Downs. These will be submitted later for commissioner approval. The PRC will conduct public informational sessions with any and all customers associated with the development of documentation for land transfers. The PRC will utilize the county website for disbursing of information. The goal of the committee is to have the program development work completed in the near future, publicize the program, provide informational sessions for customers, city, county and town officials, provide county staff with any additional training necessary to be able to effectively administer this program in a professional manner, develop the website page, conduct trials throughout the fall and initiate the program to go in effect 1/1/2020. Hauptert made a motion to take the report about the PRC under advisement. 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, May 6, 2019.

Also, present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, The Paper reporter Josh Sigler, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, Wabash County Recorder Eric Rish, Wabash County Surveyor Cheri Slee and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Kaitlin Gebby.