

**May 13, 2019**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 13, 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 May 6, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County COA obtained Eppley's signature on documents related to the 5311 Grant for the purchase of a medium light-weight van with a lift. It should be delivered this week. Ferry stated that the vehicles purchased are titled to the commissioners, which is why the chairman's signature is required.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent reported that Bridge 155 (over Clear Creek) Meridian Road is now open.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 108 inmates with 45 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 9 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 15 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 110. The total prisoner count was 165.

Steve Downs, County Attorney asked if there was any update on the income survey for the Northcliff area. Shepherd stated that several surveys have been completed and returned. Downs will follow up with the EP Collaboration regarding the status of this project.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated:

1. Work is expected to begin on Friday to replace the floor tile on the three porches of the courthouse. (October 1, 2018)
2. Due to the rainy weather, Atlas Building has temporarily postponed the gutter and tuckpointing repairs on the south side of the courthouse. (April 29, 2019)

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 5/4/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.
2. A contract with SRI Inc. that conducts the county tax sale for delinquent taxes. The cost of SRI services has increased to \$100 for each parcel that sells. This cost is paid by the purchaser of the lien for the property.

Eppley stated Ordinance 2019-85-03 (vacating five lots in Speicherville) is ready for a second reading. Dawes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-03 on second reading. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Angela Christopher, Purdue Extension Director presented the commissioners with a quarterly update on the Extension office. Christopher stated Mindy Mayes, Health and Human Sciences Educator held her first ServSafe training and had 22 participants, which is impressive.

Wabash County Superior Court Judge Benjamin Vanderpool introduced himself to the commissioners. Judge Vanderpool was sworn-in last Wednesday. He was appointed following the untimely death of Judge Amy Cornell.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 20, 2019.

Also, present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, The Paper reporter Josh Sigler and SJCA Engineers representative Amanda Lawrence.