

May 28, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 28, 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 20, 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, Living Well in Wabash County COA presented several documents for the 2020 5311 Transportation Grant. The following were presented:

1. Pass-through Agreement - allows the county to be the applicant for the grant and Living Well to be the service provider. The county will collect funds from the state and forward them to Living Well.
2. Local Assurances - states that government and local funding will/has been committed for the local share.
3. Applicant's Certification - states that the use of project equipment, facilities and property are to be used in accordance with the terms and conditions of all capital and operating agreements.
4. Special Warranty Agreement 5333(b) - provides that the county commissioners and Living Well agree to the Rural and Small Urban Transit Assistance program. It is necessary for any contract between INDOT and any applicant. Living Well plans a capital assistance purchase of one medium light transit bus and a low-flow mini-van.
5. Resolution 2019-85-03 - authorizes Beverly Ferry, CEO of Living Well to on behalf of Wabash County execute and file an application for the 5311 Grant with INDOT, enter into an agreement with INDOT, furnish information to INDOT as needed and execute grant contracts.

Hauptert made a motion to approve the resolution and to sign all required documents. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jeff Patton, President/CEO, Arc in Wabash County stated Arc's main focus is to assist citizens within the community who have physical and intellectual disabilities. Patten stated there are numerous programs to assist these individuals such as pre-vocational workshops, community employment, supported individual living, community support, pre-employment transition, transportation services and recreation & leisure programs. In 2018 over 160 individuals were served by Arc.

Patton requested that Arc's financial support from the county be increased by 5% in 2020 to \$71,662. The commissioners thanked him and Arc for the services provided to the community.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. The Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges for signatures. Hauptert made a motion to approve the report. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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2. Requested approval to purchase a body and equipment for a single axle dump truck from the low bidder W.A. Jones and Son for \$80,876. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission to replace a 2012 one-ton truck that is used as the sign truck. There have been several diesel exhaust issues with the current vehicle which the dealers have been unable to resolve. Dawes made a motion to approve the request. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 117 inmates with 52 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 7 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 33 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 125. The total prisoner count was 180.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 5/18/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 3, 2019.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, The Paper reporter Josh Sigler, Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, former President/CEO, Arc of Wabash County Nancy Hoffman, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis and United Consulting representative Steve Jones.