

**June 10, 2019**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 10, 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 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed. (No meeting was held on June 3.) Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Annual Covered Bridge Certification which confirms that Wabash County has two covered bridges. Each county receives \$1,825 per covered bridge from the State to help offset maintenance costs.
2. Received the 2018 Annual Certification of Jurisdiction Miles for Wabash County from INDOT. Wabash County has 729.03 miles of roadway. This total is used to calculate motor vehicle highway funds and local road and street funds received from the State.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 120 inmates with 52 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 7 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 15 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 125. The total prisoner count was 182.

Baker requested permission to sign a contract from Combined Public Communications (CPC) to provide the phone service for jail inmates. The new contract will begin August 1, 2019. Steve Downs has approved the contract. Haupert made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to sign the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Baker introduced Barry Grossman from Crossroads Bank who presented paperwork for lease schedule #12 for the purchase of two vehicles. The interest rate is 2.9% and the first payment will be due January 1, 2020. Haupert made a motion to approve three-year lease #12. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Brown, EMA Assistant Director requested permission to initiate the proper procedure to dispose of a 2004 Ford Explorer. He will work with Shepherd to advertise and accept bids for this vehicle. Dawes made a motion to approve the request. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director requested:

1. Approval of a renewal three contracts with Republic Services for recycling and trash removal. Each three-year contract will begin July 1, 2019.

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Current fees will remain during the first year then increase 3% on both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contracts. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Requested approval of a use agreement for a wedding to be held on the Roann Covered Bridge on 5/17/2020. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dils stated the tuck pointing and gutter repair on the south side of the courthouse has been completed to the extent it was authorized but more work is needed. Quotes for additional work will be presented to the commissioners at a later date.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 6/1/2019.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 6/3/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.
3. Ordinance 2019-85-04 which will permit increasing the Auditor Endorsement Fee to \$10.00 beginning 7/1/2019. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-04 on first reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-04 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes presented Ordinance 2019-85-03 to amend the county's Confined Feeding Ordinance. Dawes stated it makes a few changes to the existing ordinance with the focus mainly on increasing set-back requirements. This amendment was recommended by the Wabash County Plan Commission.

David Wamsley spoke in favor of the ordinance and requested it be approved by the commissioners.

Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-03 on first reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-03 on second reading. 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, June 17, 2019.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, The Paper reporter Josh Sigler, Stan Baszczak, Robert & Leslie Patterson, Phil & Sheri Wilcox, Lois Schultz, Amanda Lawrence, Rick Carter, Mitch Vetken and David Cox.