

**July 8, 2019**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 8, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the July 1, 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.

Eric Rish, Wabash County Recorder and Lori Draper, Wabash County Clerk asked for approval to move forward with accepting credit card payments in both offices by contracting with GovPayNet. The process would result in no expense to the county. The commissioners directed Rish and Draper to submit the contract to County Attorney Steve Downs for review.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit for CenturyLink to bore under 200 N at 675 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 123 inmates with 40 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 5 in the Noble County Jail. Last week, there were 19 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities with a peak population of 124.

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

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor presented payroll claims for the pay period ending 06/29/2019. The commissioners approved and signed the payroll claims.

Shepherd also presented for review an IDEM notice for Thermafiber - air permit with a 30-day public comment.

The meeting was recessed until 9:30 a.m. for the advertised opening of sealed bids for the purchase of a 2000 Ford Explorer XLS, 4-wheel drive SUV on behalf of the Wabash County EMA. One sealed bid was received. Hauptert made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to sell the vehicle for the opened bid amount of \$201.00 to Randy Shepherd. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Also, present: Deputy Auditor Melanie Penn, Planning Director Mike Howard, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin, The Paper reporter Josh Sigler, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Rob Burgess.