

September 9, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 9, 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 September 3, 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.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer presented a request to begin using TRECS. It is a debt setoff clearinghouse program which allows local units of government to easily and efficiently collect delinquent debt through the withholding of a debtor's personal income tax refunds. TRECS is a program of the AIC (Association of Indiana Counties). It is free for the county, however, the county would be responsible for postage for mailing the required notices. During the meeting an MOU was given to County Attorney Steve Downs to review. Hauptert made a motion to take the request under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a permit request from NIPSCO to install service to 13260 N 100 E. It will require running 2,300' of gas line from SR 13 to that address. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Stated the base asphalt and binder have been laid on phase 1 of the 1100 N project. Grading the berms and ditches will take place early this week with phase 2 starting later in the week.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 106 inmates with 53 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Noble County Jail, 10 in the Elkhart County Jail and 1 in the Adams County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities with a peak population of 110. The total prisoner count was 173.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director stated there have been some unexpected issues with the exterior repairs on the south side of the courthouse. Dils asked if the commissioners would like to discuss now or look at the issues then discuss with Atlas. The commissioners stated they would first like to look at areas of concern.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented Ordinance 2019-85-07 creating a home rule fund for the benefit of the CASA program to begin taking donations. CASA recently had a back-to-school bash program that was highly successful and would like to continue the program in the future.

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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-85-07

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE WABASH COUNTY CASA DONATION FUND

I.C. 36-1-3 grants the power to create funds that are necessary to conduct the affairs of the County.

It has been determined there is a need to establish a fund in which to deposit donations and contributions from the general public and others given to support the programming of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program in Wabash County.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED:

1. There is now created the CASA Donation Fund (Fund”).
2. Monies donated or contributed to the Fund may be used by CASA, in its sole discretion, to support its programming in accordance with Indiana law.
3. The Fund shall not be subject to the appropriation process, nor shall monies remaining in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year revert to the County general fund.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

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Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-07. 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 2019-85-07. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wallace Dingess requested that yield, stop and/or speed limit signs be placed in the community of Servia. To his knowledge, there have never been any signs posted. Dingess spoke to the county highway superintendent and was told the speed limit should be 30 mph, but he would like it to be posted at 20 mph. He presented a petition containing signatures from residents who are in favor of traffic signs being placed within the community. Downs stated that in order for an ordinance to be created it would be helpful to have a list of the roads for which signage is being requested and where they are requesting speed limit signs. Dingess stated he would compile a list and bring it to the auditor’s office. The

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highway department will then review the requests and make recommendations to the commissioners.

Dingess also stated several residents have spoken to him about a person living in an old garage with no amenities on the northeast corner of 900 N and 300 E. The commissioners stated they would inform the health department.

With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday September 16, 2019.

Also present: First Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco and Atlas Building representative Brian Gottschalk.