

## October 21, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 21, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco. The minutes of the October 15, 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.

Amy Miller, with Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc. and Kristi Clark, Board President, Wabash Lighthouse Missions, Inc. requested that the Wabash County commissioners be the lead applicant for an OCRA grant to renovate a building for use by several not-for-profit agencies. The application must be turned in by November 22, 2019. Miller and Clark gave a brief outline of the application process and requested a Letter of Commitment and Local Resolution 2019-85-09 be signed by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners. Hauptert made a motion to approve Local Resolution 2019-85-09 to be the lead applicant for the OCRA grant and to provide a Letter of Commitment of Local Match Funds. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley reminded the applicants to work with the auditor's office to be sure the grant meets all the requirements of Wabash County.

Keith Gillenwater, President & CEO, Grow Wabash County requested funding assistance for three projects:

1. Support in the amount of \$6,500 for technology upgrades to replace the last desktop computer and set-up a second computer for two interns who are vital to the Grow Wabash County team.
2. Support in the amount of \$2,500 to help sponsor the Leadership Development Wabash County Program. This is the same amount as last year. Twenty-eight students are enrolled for the upcoming class. The county may also send someone as a benefit for providing this financial support.
3. Assist with a sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 for the Young Professionals of Wabash County. This has been a thriving network of peers and community-driven individuals. Typically, 30 people attend their events.

Hauptert moved to approve the three requests from Grow Wabash County totaling \$10,000 with the money coming from EDIT funds - economic development. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor, requested permission to set the date and time to receive annual bids for materials, supplies and equipment rental in 2020. He requested Monday, December 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Hauptert made a motion to approve the date and time. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley then announced that Cole Wyatt will begin working as the Wabash County Highway Superintendent on November 4, 2019.

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Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 182 inmates with 54 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 24 in Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 25 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities.

Keith Walters, EMA Director, reported he will out of the office the rest of this week to attend a conference. Bob Brown will be assisting in the office during his absence.

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

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Chief Deputy Auditor, presented the claims and allowances for period ending 10/21/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

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, October 28, 2019.

Also present: Deputy Auditor Melanie Penn, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Rob Burgess.