

October 28, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 28, 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 Deputy Auditor Melanie Penn. The minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County COA, presented for signatures the 2019 3rd quarter report for the Wabash County Transit 5311 Grant. Once signed the documents will be submitted to INDOT and the agency will be reimbursed. She also gave an update on the new pick-up schedule for Wabash County Transit. The changes which have been in place since October 1, 2019 have gone really well.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor presented:

1. A permit from the DNR to make a road-cut on 1000 S east of 100 W for drainage.
2. A request from RTC Communications to install fiber optic cable in the county road right-of-way along Bonestead Road from SR 114 north to the Kosciusko County line. Either plowing or cone boring will be done.

Hauptert made a motion to approve both requests, Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated the start date for Cole Wyatt, as Wabash County Highway Superintendent has been changed from November 4, 2019 (10/21/19) to October 28, 2019.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 99 inmates with 58 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail, 23 in Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 12 book-ins and 15 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 105. The total inmate count was 183.

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

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

Melanie Penn, Wabash County Deputy Auditor, presented claims and allowances for the period ending 10/28/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, presented a new poll worker agreement for approval as additional workers are needed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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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, November 4, 2019.

Also present: Jim Christie, Joe Mrak, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Rob Burgess.