

## November 4, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 4, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent and Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor presented:

1. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore 40' across Old State Road 15 to restore service to 2689 S Old State Road 15.
2. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore 40' across 250 W (south of 975 N) to restore service to 9643 N 250 W.  
Haupert made a motion to approve the both permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A transmittal letter for signatures to close out the 1100 N project. Haupert made a motion to approve and sign the letter. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 100 inmates, with 50 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail and 23 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 22 book-ins and 16 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 104. The total inmate count was 182.

Baker also requested:

1. Permission to dispose of a 2013 Dodge Charger with 259,000 miles. He would like to exchange the vehicle for vehicle equipment at Cops Gear.  
Haupert made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
2. Approval to sign a CHIRP Grant Agreement for \$11,500. The grant is from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Haupert made a motion to approve the grant. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, requested repairs to the sidewalk on south side of the courthouse. The work will be performed by Gaunt & Son for \$1,150. Haupert made a motion to approve the expense being paid for out of Courthouse Historic Preservation. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented accounts payable claims and allowances for the docket ending 10/28/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

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Shepherd stated a Capitalization policy will need to be created. She will prepare a rough draft and submit it to County Attorney Steve Downs for review and input. The commissioners will need to establish a threshold for this policy.

Roger Hornaday spoke on the need to reduce the speed limit on Old Slocum Trail. (See ordinance below.)

Eppley presented Ordinance 2019-85-11 Regulating Traffic on County Highways (Old Slocum Trail speed limit). Hauptert made a motion to approve the ordinance. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-11 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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 Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

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