

November 25, 2019

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 25, 2019. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all Commissioners present: Brian K. Hauptert and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the November 18, 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.

Lana Beregszazi, BCS Management, stated her company is a project management company specializing in website design and county/city regional sewer districts. Beregszazi stated her company would like to assist the county in both of these areas. In the website design, the first line of attracting potential residents and businesses to the county would be the website. The current website is full of data but contains no enhancements, and statistics show that the attractiveness of a website will have the person staying on the site longer, to see what is offered. Commissioners stated the county is looking into a web design upgrade. They will contact her with contact information for the relevant person in the county.

The second area is regional sewer districts; she spoke with the county environmental specialist and has received a list of potential failing or failed sewer areas around the county and would like to discuss this in further detail. Downs stated that the county and city have applied for a grant to begin looking into a regional sewer area. Downs and Beregszazi will discuss this in further detail at a later date.

Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation officer, requested permission to apply for the Court Reform Grant. This grant is to provide nurse services for inmates at the jail during weekends for medications they may need (this is a current grant). In addition, the grant will be expanded to include a Regional Veteran Problem Solving Court. This is a joint venture with Grant County. Wabash County will do the case management and Grant County will handle the court side of the grant. Hauptert made the motion to approve the grant application. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Change order for the 1100 N project for approval. Change order is for concrete work, soil stabilization, and signs. (November 18, 2019). Hauptert made the motion to approve the change order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Utility permit from Frontier Communications to install new service to 12324 N 300 W., North Manchester. Hauptert made the motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A letter to the National Resources Project manager for license of contractors to rehabilitate and repair Bridge 144. This bridge is located on federal lands controlled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Commissioner Eppley signed the letter.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Appointments for the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Wabash County is one of four counties that have been present and participated in all the monthly meetings of the Corridor Commission in 2019. Hauptert made the motion to re-appoint Michael Beauchamp to the Commission. Keith Poole, Jen Rankin, and Steve Johnson will serve as alternates. Hauptert made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-10 re-appointing the above individuals to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The Wabash County Community Crossing Grant 2019-B for signatures. The grant is for the Old 24 project. The grant amount is \$1,000,000 and the county is responsible for the matching portion of the grant, which will come from the LOIT Special Distribution intended for these types of projects. Hauptert made the motion to approve the grant. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 11/18/2019. 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, December 2, 2019.

Also, present: Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Plan Director Mike Howard, Amanda Lawrence SJCA Engineers, Dennis Reust, and Josh Goodman RQM.