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The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 10, 2020. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dee Joy, CASA Program Director requested permission to apply for the VOCA Grant that is awarded by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. She also requested authority for her and Judge McCallen to sign the grant paperwork. Eppley made a motion to allow the application and to authorize both Joy and McCallen to sign the necessary paperwork. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert will sign the grant proposal approval for tracking with the auditor's office.

Eppley reported he went to the Indiana Statehouse with a group from the Wabash County Lighthouse Mission to receive a \$500,000 Public Facilities Grant award. Wabash County is the lead recipient for this building renovation project. Eppley presented a Standard Sub-Recipient Agreement for CDBG-Funded Projects to be signed. The agreement is between Wabash County Board of Commissioners and the Wabash County Lighthouse Mission, Inc. The agreement covers the scope of work to be performed by the sub-recipient. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation Officer, asked the commissioners to approve a contract with TOMO Drug Testing to provide drug screening services. Steve Downs has reviewed the contract and agrees with the terms. The contract, for a flat monthly fee of \$3,900, will cover the collection of up to 600 tests per month. Hauptert asked from which fund the contract will be paid. Lochner explained it contract will be paid from probation user fees or grants. An additional appropriation may be needed into the probation user fee budget to cover costs near the end of the year. Eppley noted that the service will require more security and that the cost and funding source will need to be worked out. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lochner also requested permission to apply for the JDAI grant as they have for the last four years. Problem Solving Court grants include Drug Court, Re-entry Court and Family Recovery Court. Also, pre-trial release is now certified and eligible for grants so they will seek monies in this area as well. Dawes made a motion to approve for Lochner to apply for the grants. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, requested the commissioners approve a service agreement with Indiana Testing Incorporated. This agreement

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will handle all audits of the driver records. Eppley made a motion to approve the service agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Wyatt also stated highway department received a petition request to modify the speed limit on 300 W to 45 mph. Eppley motioned to take the petition under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 75 inmates with 40 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 38 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 19 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 91. The total prisoner count is 168.

Sheriff Baker requested the commissioners sign Lease Schedule #15 under the Master Lease to purchase a 2020 Dodge Durango SS utility vehicle. The lease for \$31,492.00 is payable at \$5,486 semi-annually starting 07/15/2020. The interest rate is 2.65%. The final payment will be due 01/15/2023. Barry Grossman with Crossroads Bank presented the lease for signature. Hauptert asked if the money is in the budget. Sheriff Baker affirmed that the money was budgeted. Eppley made a motion to approve the lease. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, was present with nothing to report.

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, February 17, 2020.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Steve Jones with United Consulting, Keith Gillenwater with Grow Wabash County, Jed Dirk, and Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper.