

March 16, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 16, 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 March 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Trisha Hanes, Assistant Chief Probation Officer requested permission to present the AACTION funds request to the Wabash County Council. These funds are to be distributed similar to how they have been in the past. The entities receiving funds include: Manchester University, Southwood High School, Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition, Hands of Hope, Otis Bowen Center, Wabash County Drug Court, North Manchester Police Department and the Wabash County Sheriff's Department. Eppley made a motion to approve the request to be presented to the Council for the entities and amounts agreed to by the AACTION committee. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. A road-cut permit on 650 E between 400N and 500 N from Eads and Son. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. MSD requested stone to be place in a school bus turn-around located at 7657 W 1100 S. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 83 inmates with 39 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 37 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 26 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 87. The total prisoner count is 166.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director, requested permission to apply for a state Homeland Security grant to replace the generator located at Central Dispatch. Dawes made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented a letter of support for a proposal submitted by the Community Foundation of Wabash County to the Lily Endowment Inc. for a countywide comprehensive plan. The letter states the county has committed \$25,000 toward the project. Eppley made a motion to approve the letter and financial support. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 3/16/2020.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 3/7/2020

Eppley made a motion to approve all claims as submitted. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shepherd also stated the Cornerstone Grant Management Inc. agreement, that was approved pending review by the county attorney (March 9, 2020), has now been reviewed and approved. Commissioner Haupert signed the agreement.

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, March 23, 2020.

Also present: Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, Wabash County Treasurer LuAnn Layman and LaFontaine Gravel representative Jed Dirk.