September 8, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioner's present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the August 31, 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.

Mike Howard, GIS committee chairman requested approval and signatures on a contract with White's Residential Family Services. The contract provides the county will assist WRFS with addressing for the 911 system. WRFS will work with WTH to complete layers for the addressing. The information is for internal use only and will not be shared on the GIS system. Central Dispatch and Emergency Management will have access to the data. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated Wabash County was approved for the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) phase II funding program to be able to award grants for high-risk small businesses in Wabash County to aid in their long-term recovery. OCRA awarded \$160,000, Wabash County added \$40,000.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent stated he received a contract status inquiry from Ohio Farmers Insurance for Primco Inc. concerning Bridge 155 (Meridian Road over Clear Creek).

Tyler Guenin, Major, Wabash County Sheriff's Department reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 83 inmates with 47 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 11 in the Tipton County Jail, and 16 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 16 book-ins and 15 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 90. The total prisoner count is 160.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative, was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 9/8/2020. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. 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 are scheduled to next meet on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Also present: Bill Shepler, Bryan Lacy, and Doug Dukes.