

July 29, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 29, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the July 22, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Requested a right of way permit from AT&T at 2872 W 39 W Division Road. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Rob Coop with USI reported that during last inspection of the Roann Covered Bridge, Bridge 18, rotting floor beams on the SW span were discovered. He said they can't determine the amount of damage without removing the siding and decking. The recommendation to close the Bridge to vehicular traffic was made. Cynthia Donovan asked if the festival could still be held. Coop said you can still use the bridge for events and pedestrian traffic. Donovan said they will continue to have fundraisers to repair the bridge. Hauptert made a motion to temporary close the bridge to vehicular traffic. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported that the Sheriff's truck had been totaled in an accident. The Sheriff would like to purchase a 2024 Chevy Silverado for \$57,062.50. Hauptert made a motion to approve the purchase. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Deputy Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 07/29/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 07/20/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley reported they have received quotes for a truck for the maintenance supervisor to use for County business. Three quotes were presented, the best quote is for a 2014 Chevy Silverado for \$34,889.00. Chris Hickman asked why can't we pay mileage instead of purchasing the truck. Eppley explained they are planning to purchase a snow plow so the truck can be used to help with the snow removal also. Eppley said the plan is for the truck to stay at the courthouse. Eppley made a motion to purchase the truck. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.

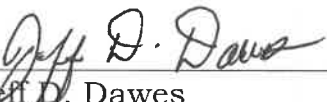
The Commissioners presented a certificate of appreciation to Jim Dils in recognition of his years of service.

Hauptert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 5, 2024.


Also present: *In person*: Kandy Barker, Mark Frantz, Luann Layman, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Tyler Niccum, and Cheryl Ross. *Via Zoom*: Don Jervis, Allie Daugherty, Cathy's phone, Connie, Amanda S, phone, and Theda Metzger.

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WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman



Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman



Brian K. Haupert

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor