

## January 3, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 3, 2022. Auditor Marcie Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Jeff D. Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. Shepherd requested nominations for the 2022 commissioner chairman. Dawes made a motion to nominate Barry J. Eppley. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Shepherd turned the meeting over to Chairman Eppley. Eppley requested nominations for vice-chairman. Dawes made a motion to nominate Brian K. Haupert; Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The commissioners were assigned to the following boards:

Central Dispatch Advisory Board – Jeff Dawes

County Tax Abatement Committee – Jeff Dawes

Northeast Regional Partnership – Barry Eppley

Northeast Indiana Mayor & Commissioners Caucus – Barry Eppley

Plan Commission Board – Jeff Dawes

Redevelopment Commission – Barry Eppley

Region III A – Brian Haupert

Transit Advisory Board – Barry Eppley

Emergency Management Advisory Council – Brian Haupert

Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) – Brian Haupert

Public Records Commission – Barry Eppley

All three commissioners are members of the Drainage Board and Solid Waste Management Board.

The following individuals were also requested to be appointed:

Terry Knee, Bob Lundquist, and Jon Rosen – Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)

Jean Gilbert – Public Defender board

Haupert made a motion to approve the requests and appointments. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes made a motion to assign Brian Haupert to the Grow Wabash County Board; Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The minutes of the December 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Request to have the Chairman sign all INDOT agreements/contracts on behalf of all the commissioners. Haupert made a motion for Eppley to sign all documents. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Right of Way Permit from Accucom Group LLC to install fiber cables to a cell tower around S1400 N 200 E. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported

1. The jail currently has 88 inmates, with 23 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, and 27 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 87. The total inmate count was 126.
2. Request to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango with Commissary funds. Haupert made a motion to approve the purchase. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

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Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with a draft of the RFQ for the commissioners to review concerning a possible sewer district. This will collect fee schedules and interest; no commitment by the county yet. This will be put on the January 18 Council agenda to sign the petition. Dawes made a motion to submit the RFQ to engineering firms on the sewer district. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

- 1. Copy of the draw on the Jail BAN for \$193,263 that Dawes approved on 12/27/2021.
- 2. Payroll Claims and Allowances for pay period ending 12/25/2021.  
Hauptert made a motion to approve; Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

Review Item: IDEM Notice: Manchester Tool & Die – Approval – Office of Air Quality. DNR: Meetings concerning the Gypsy moth.

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, January 10, 2022.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Jackson Holland and Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Kandy Barker and Melanie Penn.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

		
Barry J Eppley Chairman	Brian K Hauptert Vice-Chairman	Jeff D Dawes

Attest: Marcie Shepherd  
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor