

July 5, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes, and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mark Guenin, Wabash County Bar Association president, spoke on the value of the Wabash County Work Release program. Guenin said the judges, prosecutor and Wabash County Bar Association are in agreement that a work release program needs to continue. After a review of the income and expense of work release, he stated the bar association would like to work with the commissioners to make sure a plan is in place to continue the program.

Todd Durnil, Owner's Representative for the jail, presented via Zoom:

1. Change Order 09-02 Kettelhut Construction, Inc. accounting for the use of allowance because of the change in roof and other items. They also added five days to the timetable because a steel issue needed to be revamped. Hauptert made a motion to approve the change order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Change Order 23-01 Quality Plumbing & Heating Inc. to include labor and material associated with adding security fixtures in B, C and D at Phase 3. Total cost of the change is \$115,066. Dawes made a motion to approve the change order. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. He is also gathering documents requested by the Auditor.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Road cut permit from BSM on behalf of Sunrise Communication to install fiber optic on 1200 S between 300 W and 200 W. They will install using trenching instead of the plow method. This was placed under review on 6/20/22. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit with the understanding they will restore the ditch. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The task order for the 200 W 700 N intersection should be ready to present next week.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 84 inmates with 44 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 10 in the Fulton County Jail and 20 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 42 book-ins and 15 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total inmate count was 138.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 7/05/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims, allowances and withholdings for pay period ending 06/25/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cynthia Donovan with the Roann Covered Bridge Association reported the recent pancake breakfast fundraiser was a success. They will be doing another breakfast during the Roann Covered Bridge Festival on September 10. They are still looking for other ways to raise money to help maintain the bridge.

Jamie Francis requested an update on the intersection of 700 W and 200 N. Wyatt said that after meeting with the engineering firm, a task order will be prepared and presented next Monday. Two lighted stop signs have been ordered for installation.

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

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, July 11, 2022.

Also present *in person*: Shelly Bauccho, Mark Frantz, Keith Walters, Jim Dils, Brian Swihart, Alan Zimmerman and Joe Eddingfield. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Don Jervis, Melanie Penn, Brenda Hegel and Kandy Barker.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor