

**March 4, 2024**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 4, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Dawes, Brian K. Haupert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 26, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Dawes stated a quote has been received from Ron Banter for plastering and painting on the second floor of the courthouse to repair damage caused during the restoration of the tower. Haupert made a motion to approve the quote for \$9,200. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve an additional quote for plaster repairs and painting to the ceiling in the Auditor's office in the amount of \$3,492. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

A request was presented to appoint Cindy Hall to the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District to replace Stephen Fiddler. Haupert made a motion to approve the appointment. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 03/04/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The March LIT Distribution for \$1,475,186.34 to all taxing units. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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


Steve Crabtree of Somerset, requested information about the roadwork being completed in Somerset. Cole Wyatt, Highway Superintendent, reported he has applied to the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program for funds from the state to pave the front half of the roads. He is working to obtain funds to do the rest. Crabtree requested the residents be notified before the work is started.


Chris Hickman asked if the county is in discussions with anyone considering carbon capture. Eppley said a company has done some exploration in the northern part of the county. Dawes stated the county has approved seismic testing to be done.

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 11, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Jim Dils, Mark Frantz, Keith Walters, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Marcella Palmer, Chris Hickman, Tyler Niccum, Barry Stroup and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: Connie, JHall, Phone, bhegel, Theda Metzger, Cathys and Don Jervis.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Jeff D. Dawes  
Chairman

  
Barry J. Eppley  
Vice-Chairman

  
Brian K. Haupert

Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor