

June 19, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 808 Manchester Avenue on Monday, June 19, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Hauptert, Jeff D. Dawes and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Hauptert abstained.

Hauptert presented Ordinance 2023-85-02 imposing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of improvement location permits for commercial solar energy systems in a A-1 zoning district pending amendment of the Wabash County Zoning Ordinance. Hauptert made a motion to approve the ordinance. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote with Eppley abstaining. Hauptert made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote, with Eppley abstaining. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-02 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote, with Eppley abstaining.

Teresa Galley, Executive Director of the Wabash County Museum, gave an overview of the recent activities and accomplishments. Galley requested \$40,000 for the museum allocation in the county's 2024 budget cycle. The commissioners thanked her for the update on the museum.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 81 inmates, with 10 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Fulton County Jail and 44 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 10 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total prisoner count was 127.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented:

1. A change order for the Wabash County Courthouse Dome/Tower Project. The amount is not to exceed \$150,000. The change order was approved on June 12, 2023. The order was presented for signatures.
2. A use agreement request, to hold a wedding on the Roann Covered Bridge on October 20, 2023. The commissioners approved the agreement.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 06/19/2023. Dawes made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 6/10/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Request #27 to pay a vendor out of the bond for the new jail to RQAW for \$34,579.03 and Request #28 to RQAW for \$4,102.50. Eppley made a motion to approve both requests. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Appointment of Stephen Fiddler to finish the term of John Adams on the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District Board. Eppley made a motion to approve the appointment. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert 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, June 26, 2023.

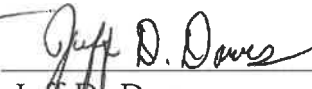
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Also present: *In person*: Kandy Barker, Cole Wyatt, Mark Frantz, Dave Nelson, Louella Krom, Cynthia Donovan, Keith Ogan, Gary Nose, Donna Nose, Pam Hawkins, Phyllis Hawkins, Michael Hawkins, Larry Long, Renee Long, Marcella Palmer, Bill Palmer, Suzanne Peebles, Latheda Metzger, Dan Metzger, Nelson Pispé, Deborah Cusack, Karen Kelley, Rod Hegel, Rodger Rapp, Nicky Burnsworth, Bill Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Andy Ross, Lorraine Truss, Amanda Lyons and David Cotton. *Via Zoom*: Melanie Penn, Brian Swihart, Rachel, iPhone, Jade Hall, Kandic, Farm Life and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor