

February 19, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 19, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting was reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cheryl Evenson, Clerk of the Courts, reported that due to the new law the voting equipment must be delivered by either a commercial delivery company, a two-person team with a representative of each party or the county election board. Evenson received quotes from two (2) companies; Guyer the Mover, Peru for \$1,776 and Miller Moving Service, North Manchester for \$2,600. Amounts are based on 6 hours minimum. Additional charges would apply if over six hours. A schedule has been prepared to outline the times of pickup and delivery to the seven voting locations. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote from Guyer the Mover for \$1,776. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a second motion to approve additional fees (if needed) not to exceed a total cost of \$2,500. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Right of way permit for Precision Utilities Group on behalf of Frontier at 5386 W 1000 N. Eppley made a motion to approve the utility permit. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Notices to Proceed for USI Consultants to conduct construction inspections for Bridge 109, not to exceed \$44,000; Bridge 41, not to exceed \$9,000 and Bridge 509, not to exceed \$8,400. Eppley made a motion to approve the USI notices to proceed. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, presented:

1. The weekly jail report, there were 79 inmates with 6 additional in Miami County Jail, 24 in Tipton County Jail, 23 in Cass County Jail and 31 in Fulton County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89 with total prisoner count being 163.
2. An addendum to the Quality Correctional Care Contract. Baker stated the QMT (Qualified Medical Technician) is to pass out the medicine to the inmates. This will move the liability to the company from the county. County Attorney Mark Frantz has reviewed the addendum. Eppley made a motion to approve the addendum with an additional cost of \$9,166.67 monthly for 68 hours a week. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
3. Addendum E from Combined Public Communications that handles the inmate telecommunications. Sheriff Baker stated this will add a Fast Case Law Library to the contract. The addendum has been reviewed by the county attorney. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Addendum E that has no extra cost to the county. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Requested permission to purchase three 2024 Dodge Durango's for \$43,632 each. The purchases are covered with the current budget. Eppley made a motion to approve the purchase. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented a request to use the Roann Covered Bridge on June 8, 2024 for a graduation party. The commissioners approved the request.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 02/19/2024.
Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented.
Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

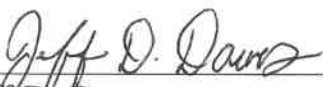
Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.


Commissioner Hauptert thanked Parkview Hospital for the exam tables they donated to the new jail.

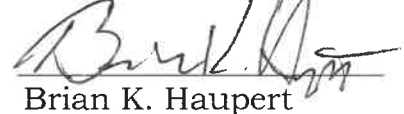
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Mark Frantz, Marcella Palmer, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Chris Hickman, Tyler Niccum, Barry Stroup and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: Connie, Jade Hall, KBarker, KandiC, Amanda iPhone, bhegel, Suzanna Peebles and Don Jervis.

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Marcie Shepherd
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