

## February 24, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 24, 2020. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 17, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Geoff Schortgen, with Purdue University, submitted copies of the Purdue Extension 2019 Annual Report. He also stated that Jessi Huston is the new County Director/4-H Educator. (She replaces Angela Christopher).

Mike Howard, Plan Commission Director, reported that Patty Godfroy has resigned as Liberty Township Trustee. Deb Dale, the new trustee, doesn't want to serve on the Plan Commission so Patty has agreed to remain on the board as the trustees' representative. Eppley made a motion to approve the appointment. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley made a motion to appoint Jean Gilbert to the Public Defender Board. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert presented a letter stating the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District is included under the Wabash County Indiana Emergency Management Plan. This will allow them to join AT&T/Indiana Firstnet. Eppley made a motion to sign the letter. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 2020-85-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Title to the Arc Light Business Park to the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission was presented for approval. Eppley made a motion to approve the resolution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley made a motion to appoint Tod Minnich to the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission. He replaces Larry Curless. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor, asked the commissioners to approve two road-cut permits; one for Eads & Son and one for Strauss Inc. Dawes made a motion to approve both permits. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, County Sheriff, present with nothing to report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented two envelopes received in response to a request for proposal to provide administrative services associated with the Wabash Lighthouse Missions CDBG project. Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes opened the envelopes. Amy Miller with Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc. submitted a bid \$31,000. KW Consultants submitted a letter stating they were unable to submit a proposal due to their current workload. Eppley made a motion to award the contract to Amy Miller with Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc. for the amount of \$31,000. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, present with nothing to report.

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 2, 2020.

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Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Chief Probation Officer Sarah Lochner, Wabash Plain Dealer editor Rob Burgess and The Paper of Wabash County reporter Mandy Underwood.