

August 31, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 31, 2020. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioner's present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent requested:

1. Approval of the title application for a 2021 utility trailer.
2. Adoption of an ordinance to temporarily lower the speed limit to 35 mph on 100 W between SR 114 and 1300 N and on 1300 N between 100 W and SR 13 N for the duration of a bridge construction project on SR 114. Eppley made a motion to approve the ordinance to lower the speed limit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and move to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion for approval on the second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 90 inmates with 49 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 15 in the Tipton County Jail and 11 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 22 book-ins and 19 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 90. The total prisoner count is 163.

Baker presented two quotes from Quality Electric to replace two heat/air conditioning units at the jail. One is currently not working, and the other is having serious mechanical issues. The quotes were \$9,925 and \$12,400. Eppley made a motion to approve both quotes, totaling \$22,325, to be paid from Courthouse Complex/Jail Facility-Existing. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 8/22/2020. Eppley made a motion to approve the payroll claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners are scheduled to next meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Greg Harnish, and Doug Duke.