

## June 3, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday June 3, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert were present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the May 28, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Alex Downard, Director of Imagine One 85, requested the 3<sup>rd</sup> year funding commitment of \$25,000 for 2025. Downard gave an update on the progress of the plan. Chris Hickman asked where he could find the information on the plan. Downard said more information can be found on the website <https://imagineone85.org/>

Cynthia Johnson, Director of Education, Learn More Center, gave an update on the fundraising and community outreach efforts. Johnson reported they have raised \$850,000 for the building project of an adult education center. Learn More Center would like to request \$50,000 for budget year 2025.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented a proposal from Cottage Watchman to replace existing and add additional security cameras in the courthouse. The proposal is for \$10,324 to install the system, which will include moving a server from the former jail to the courthouse. Hauptert made a motion to approve the proposal. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shepherd, along with Greg Harnish presented a proposal from QPH to perform preventive maintenance on the heating and cooling system for the courthouse and judicial center. It includes a flush of the chilled water system for \$6,916.47, installing a shot feeder on the hot water system for \$3,820.83 and treatment of the hot water and chilled water closed loop for \$3,100. Eppley made a motion to approve the proposal. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shepherd shared the Wabash County Jail report for May. The average prisoner count was 135; number of prisoners booked-in 75 and transports 29.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 06/03/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 05/25/2024. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. The 2024 Supplemental LIT Distribution was for \$2,749,378.00 received on May 30 and had to be disbursed per state requirements by 06/01/2024 to all taxing units. Eppley made a motion to approve. Hauptert seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. The replacement of four WiFi access points at the judicial center and courthouse was budgeted for 2024. The courts are having issues and will need Wi-Fi for a trial in June. Shepherd requested adding two additional access points and installing all six in 2024 for a total of \$7,481.66. The commissioners agreed.

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

Hauptert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 10, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Josh Petruniw, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Joe Cook, Frank Roth, Ben Jones, Tyler Niccum, Tenille

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Zartman, Julie Garber and Cheryl Ross. *Via Zoom:* bhegel, Jade, shook, KandyB, phone, Amanda S, Blake Huston and Don Jervis.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor