

July 31, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 31, 2023. 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 July 24, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County, presented the 5311 Public Transit Grant Invoice and documentation for review and approval. The 2023 2nd Quarterly 5311 Claim is \$116,191 with \$58,095 for the Federal share and \$58,096 for the State share. The claim was approved and Chairman Hauptert signed.

Terry Burnworth, Owner's Rep for the new jail, presented the following for approval:

1. Change Order for Brainard Excavating on the water system changes required by Indiana American Water for \$64,861.05. Eppley made a motion to approve the change order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Change Directive CD09-01 and Change Order 09-17 for the roof valley remediation. This change extends the contract 60 days with Kettelhut and allows them to order needed supplies. Work cannot proceed until the design is complete. The jail will be finished and this will be done afterward so as not to hold up the completion date. Cheryl Ross asked if this would make the job over budget. Burnworth said we are currently not over budget. Tyler Guenin asked if the county would be paying the cost of the roof remediation. Steve Downs said as of now the county will be paying the additional cost. Dawes made a motion to approve the change directive and the change order. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. ORDINANCE 2023-85-04; An Ordinance regulating Traffic on County Highways on Hanging Rock Road. This will set the speed zone from 524 to Hanging Rock at 35 mph. Wyatt explained this will fill in the missing area where the speed was not posted. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-04. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-04 on the second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. ORDINANCE 2023-85-05; An Ordinance regulating Traffic on County Highways in Somerset. This will set the speed zone at 25 mph in Somerset. Wyatt explained they will post this on all egress streets going into Somerset and on Delaware Street. If more signs are needed, they will address it at that time. Jay Driskill of Somerset reported this is needed due to people speeding in town. Dawes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-05. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Dawes made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Dawes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-05 on the second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Downs advised this Ordinance will need to be advertised.
3. Right of Way permit for Comcast to replace cable at 400 W Old St Rd 24. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 80 inmates, with 19 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 10 in the Fulton County Jail, 16 in the Cass County Jail and 38 in the Tipton County Jail. Last

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week there were 17 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 80. The total prisoner count was 163.

Baker and Trey Weber with Crossroads Bank, presented the paperwork for signatures to lease purchase two of the three vehicles previously approved. (July 10, 2023).

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, presented:

1. A letter of commitment for Next Level Connections Broadband Grant program. The letter outlines what the County will do to meet the grant requirements.
2. The Grant Agreement with Wabash County Drug Prevention Steering Committee. The agreement outlines the use and reporting requirements of the \$50,000 awarded from the opioid settlement. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

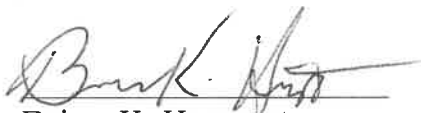
1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 07/31/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll Claims and allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 07/22/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Jail Bond Packet #31 for \$545,471.22 to be dispersed. Eppley made a motion to approve. 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.

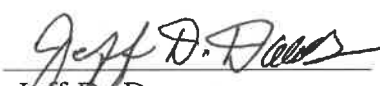
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 7, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Dave Nelson, Gary Ridenour, Nick Kopkey and Louella Krom; *Via Zoom*: Jade Hall, Melanie Penn, Brian Swihart, Amanda's iPhone, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.

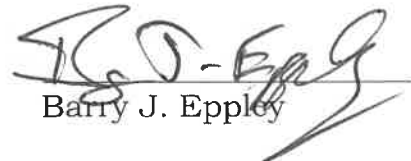
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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor