

December 11, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 11, 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 December 4, 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.

Kelly Schenkel, Wabash County Assessor, and Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented a contract with Nexus Group, to review exemptions for not-for-profits to be sure they are done correctly. The cost will be \$125 per hour, up to 50% of the additional taxes collected. Schenkel said this should only be for one year to help them learn the correct procedure on exemptions.

Terry Burnworth, Owner's rep for the new jail project, presented:

1. Pyramid contract Amendment #4:
Task 5 - additional responsibilities \$60,000 - 3 monthly installments for full-time work performed. \$15,000 - 3 monthly installments for part-time work performed.
Task 7 - A&E work for the membrane roof (begin date October 1, 2023) \$40,000. Dawes made a motion to approve Amendment #4. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Burnworth stated Andy Angle with Midland Engineering said they may start the roof project today or Wednesday at the latest.
3. Burnworth said the Midland Engineering contract for \$1,446,700 is ready to be signed. Hauptert presented the contract for \$1,446,700. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Review of the Substantial Completion Certificates has been completed and they are ready to be signed. The date of 12/1/2023 will be used for the one-year warranties. Eppley made a motion to approve the certificates. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2023-85-07 Intent to Conduct a Commissioner Sale: Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd reported this is a resolution to sell properties which did not sell in the regular tax sale. Eppley made a motion to approve the Resolution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. A request to approve the annual highway bids which were received last week. Dawes made a motion to approve all bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Right of way and road cut permit for NIPSCO at 400 E between 1100 N and SR 114 to check the existing gas line. Right of way permit for Frontier for 100 S 475 W to US 24. Eppley made a motion to approve the permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs presented an engagement letter with Keland Webb & Associates to conduct an in-depth analysis of the new jail roof during the entire replacement project. Eppley made a motion to approve the letter. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/11/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Operating Levy Distribution in the amount of \$1,651,520.56. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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- 3. FIT Distribution in the amount of \$118,750.22. Dawes made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 4. LIT Distribution in the amount of \$1,245,521.59. Dawes made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 5. BIS Digital contract from the November 13th meeting had a price increase of \$1,154, making the final cost \$24,886.76. Dawes made a motion to approve the amended price. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 6. Agreement for SRI to conduct a Commissioner Certificate Sale. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

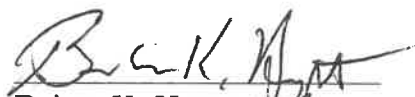
Hauptert asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.


Chris Hickman and Cheryl Ross asked questions concerning the new jail roof.

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, December 18, 2023.

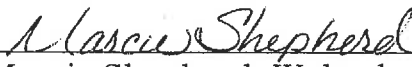
Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Marcelle Palmer, Scott Long, Brenda Hegal, LuAnn Layman and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: Connie, Jade Hall, Kandy Barker, Brenda Hegel, KandiC, Melanie Penn, Theda Metzger, Suzanne Peebles and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
 Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor