

January 16, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert, and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 8, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ordinance 2024-85-01 Regulating Public and Semi-Public Swimming Pools was presented. The ordinance comes from the Wabash County Health Board, which approved it during their meeting on January 9, 2024. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-01. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-01 on second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented Ordinance 2024-85-02 Governing Installation of Driveway Entrances onto Private Property from County Highways. Wyatt explained this will streamline the permit process, allowing all permits to be issued by the Wabash County Highway Department. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-02. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-02 on second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, presented the weekly jail report. There were 74 inmates with 7 additional in the Miami County Jail, 22 in the Tipton County Jail, 20 in the Cass County Jail, and 29 in the Fulton County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 13 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 83 with the total prisoner count being 145.

Guenin provided an update on moving into the new jail. He reported there was a large water leak on January 9 and feels they cannot move into the new building until they know it is safe. He also reported they are waiting on the stoves and refrigerators to be installed in the breakrooms, medical tables in sick rooms and other key issues to be resolved.

Cheryl Ross asked how are we keeping track of Mr. Burnworth's time and who pays for the damages. Hauptert said they periodically meet with Terry and are documenting all the repairs to be listed in the remediation.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 01/16/2024. 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 and withholdings for pay period ending 01/06/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

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

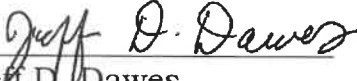
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, January 22, 2024.

The commissioners reviewed the following: IDEM: Air permit – Final Decision Revocation- Thermafiber Inc.

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Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Josh Petruniw, Louella Krom, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Chris Hickman, Brian Campbell and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: Connie, Jade Hall, KBarker, Kandi, Amanda iPhone, bhegel, Cathy S and Don Jervis.

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