

January 22, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 22, 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 16, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension Director, presented Purdue's annual contractual agreement for 2024. Schortgen explained the agreement is the same as in the past except for the cost. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Schortgen said Mung Chiang, president of Purdue University will be in Wabash to speak at the Salute to Agriculture Dinner on February 28th.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, presented accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 01/22/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. 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.

Next were bid openings for:

1. Bridge #41 & Bridge #509 - polymeric thin deck overlays;
2. Somerset - street milling and overlays;
3. Bridge #109 - superstructure replacement.

Hauptert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Bids received were as follows:

RG Zachrich Construction, Defiance, OH	Bridge #509	\$512,309.70
Milestone Construction, Fort Wayne, IN	Bridge #509	\$577,906.47
RL McCoy Inc, Columbia City, IN	Bridge #509	\$609,053.06
Pioneer Associates, Inc, Albion, IN	Bridge #509	\$672,904.70
Gaunt & Son, Wabash, IN	Somerset Street	\$177,290.78
Ram Construction, Livonia, MI	Bridge#41/#509	\$239,581.10
Enneking Pressure Cleaning, Osgood, IN	Bridge#41/#509	\$142,268.90
E&B Paving, Inc, Kokomo, IN	Somerset Street	\$219,406.44
Brooks 1 st Construction, Ft. Wayne, IN	Somerset Street	\$182,381.95
Phen & Brown, Milford, IN	Somerset Street	\$184,952.77

Eppley said due to the time restraints for submitting the grant, he would like to make a motion to accept the lowest compliant bid received after review for each project and sign the contract before Friday's deadline. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Logan Brown of Kettelhut, asked via Zoom the status of some invoices and the substantial completion status. Hauptert said the commissioners have a meeting later in the day with Mr. Burnworth and they will get back to him with answers.

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 29, 2024.

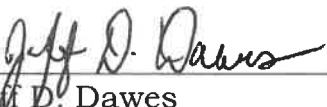
The commissioners reviewed the following: Public Notice- DNR Wabash County Highway; Water Division for an informal public hearing for Bridge #652.


Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Cole Wyatt, Mark Frantz, Louella Krom, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Tyler Niccum, Anthony Sorg, Cheryl Ross, Marcella Palmer, Jacob Blackburn, Leonard Kline, Josh Coster, Barry Stroup

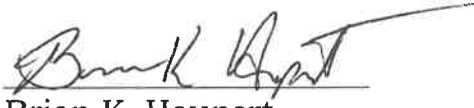
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and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom:* Connie, KBarker, KandiC, iPhone2, bhegel, Cathy S, 81260978566, Logan Brown and Don Jervis.

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