

March 18, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 18, 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 March 11, 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.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a right of way and road cut application from NIPSCO to retire service at 1119 N 300 E. Eppley made a motion to approve both permits. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, presented the weekly jail report. There were 79 inmates with 3 additional in the Miami County Jail, 20 in the Tipton County Jail, 21 in the Cass County Jail and 22 in the Fulton County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 81 with a total prisoner count of 144.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 03/18/2024. 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.

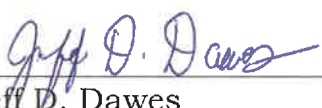
Ryan Weaver, Minister at the Church of Christ in Treaty requested permission to hold a 5K Fun Run on June 1, 2024 on CR 50 East. The commissioners stated they do not have a problem with it but added he should contact both EMA and the Sheriff's Department to be sure it is done safely.

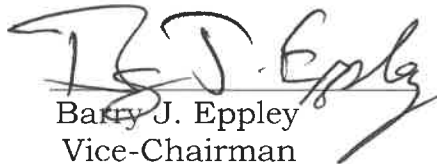
Latheda Metzger asked what the policy is regarding undocumented immigrants in Wabash County. She is concerned that Manchester University may be planning to house them. Josh Petruniw, County Attorney representative, stated the county has no control over Manchester University's policies.

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, March 25, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Phil Dale, Louella Krom, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Chris Hickman, Tyler Niccum, Keri Mertz, Dan Metzger and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: no zoom service due to internet issues.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor