

April 15, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 15, 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 April 8, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ordinance 2024-85-03 amending Wabash County Zoning Ordinance 2022-85-03. Auditor Shepherd presented the favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone the classification on two parcels from Industrial to General Business. Brian Campbell, Plan Commission Director stated the Town of Roann has approved the zoning change in the parcel that is located in the town. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-03. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and move to second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-03 amending Wabash County Zoning Ordinance. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, presented:

1. The weekly jail report. There were 69 inmates with 3 additional in the Miami County the Jail, 28 in the Tipton County Jail, 16 in the Cass County Jail and 19 in the Fulton County Jail. Last week there were 22 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 74 with the total prisoner count being 131.
2. Update on moving into the new jail. The deputies and administration are now in the building. They are hoping to soon begin moving the prisoners.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, presented a request to use the Roann Covered Bridge for a wedding on June 1st. The commissioners had no objections.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 04/15/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

Dave Terflinger, Jerry Honeycutt, Rick Nine, Dave Hawkins, Ken Combs, Dan Harshman and Stan Bagley spoke of concerns with code and ordinance enforcement in the Sandy Beach area. They reported lawless behavior of speeding, loud noises, scooters and off-road vehicles drag racing down streets. Residents asked how they can handle the issues citing possible options including a town marshall, incorporating Sandy Beach and more police presence. Once school is out for the summer, they anticipate it being even worse and are concerned about the safety of the residents. After discussions, the commissioners said they would look into some of the options and will report back to them. Dawes requested a point of contact person. Jerry Honeycutt and Dan Harshman requested to be contact people.

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


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, April 22, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Cole Wyatt, Randy VanVickle, Sarah Hawes, Scott Hanes, Sandy Nine, Kevin Crull, Steve McClure, Alan Wojtkowiak, Spencer O'Dell, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Barry Stroup, Tyler Niccum and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: KandyB, Jade Hall, Bhegel,

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Suzanne Peebles, Amanda, iPhone, Theda Metzger, CathyS, Ashlie and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor