

April 17, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 17, 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 April 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Terry Burnworth, Owner's Rep for new jail construction, presented:

1. Request for extension of the owner's representative agreement. Burnworth explained the current contract ended March 31, 2023. The extension would be month to month at a cost of \$20,000 per month until the building is completed. Eppley made a motion to approve the extension pending attorney approval. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Request for Pyramid Architecture to be the architect/engineer (AE) for the new work release facility and the remodel of a building at 808 Manchester Ave. for the health department. Burnworth explained he had been doing preliminary work on the work release structure but now would like to be appointed as the architect. Dawes made a motion to approve Pyramid to be the architect on the new work release building and the remodel of the building at 808 Manchester Ave. pending attorney approval. Eppley seconded the request; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Request to put out an RFP (request for proposal) for furniture at the new jail. Burnworth explained the furniture was designed by one firm and believes it would save money by doing the competitive bid process. He said he would get the RFPs together to be approved at next Monday's meeting. The commissioners agreed.

Cole Wyatt, Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Right of Way permit for Metronet to bore under the road at 412 W 15 N. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Four utility permits for NIPSCO to retire service at: 20 N. Bridge St., Richvalley; 115 N. Bridge St., Richvalley; 5459 W. Old SR 24, Wabash and 3025 Old SR 15, Wabash. Eppley made a motion to approve the permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin for the Wabash County Sheriff reported the jail currently has 72 inmates with 13 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Fulton County Jail and 47 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 74. The total inmate count was 129.

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer, presented two professional contracts: Duke Leveche for interpreter services and Missy Wright for PSI work. The contracts have been reviewed by county attorney Steve Downs. Eppley made a motion to approve the contracts. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, Wabash County Health Board, presented quotes for two new vehicles using the Local Health Maintenance Fund. The quotes were:

1. 2023 Jeep Compass (\$27,678.05) and a 2023 Jeep Gladiator Sport (\$33,605.25) for a total of \$61,283.30.
2. 2023 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck (\$44,668.00) and a 2023 Chevrolet Blazer (\$37,108.00) for a total of \$81,776.00.

Walters said they would be trading in the current vehicle. Dawes made a motion to take the request under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:


1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 04/17/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Fines and Forfeitures for \$3,856.62. Eppley made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. SRI agreement for the 2023 Tax Sale on September 30, 2023. The agreement will raise the fee from \$100 to \$125 per parcel for the tax sale cost. This is not an expense to the county. Dawes made a motion to approve the agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Perry ProTech contract to replace leased copiers in the courthouse and judicial center. The contract is for five years at a cost of \$1,965.28 per month. Eppley made a motion to approve the lease. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

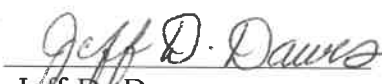
Hauptert asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.


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, April 24, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Mark Frantz, Greg Harnish, Lori Draper, Alex Downard, Louella Krom, Cheryl Reese and Marcella Palmer; *Via Zoom*: William Carroll, Jade Hall, Kandy Barker, Melanie Penn and Don Jervis.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor