

May 30, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 30, 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 May 22, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 86 inmates, with 7 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Fulton County Jail and 37 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 87. The total prisoner count was 128.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 05/30/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. LIT Supplemental Distribution for \$3,346,018.00 to the taxing units. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. MetroNet service contract for the new jail. The contract has been reviewed by Steve Downs. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Premier Construction contract for roof replacement on the Wabash County highway garage for \$140,616.00. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract subject to attorney review and change of funding (previously approved to be paid for out of the highway budget). Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Hall Aluminum Products quote for window replacement in the judicial center. Two other quotes were requested; Crystal Clear Glass said the job was too big and Service Glass in Indianapolis stated the job was too far away. It will be 14-16 weeks before Hall can begin. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote with Hall Aluminum for \$149,120.00. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. A contract with SRI for the 2023 Tax Sale. The contract has been reviewed by the county attorney and is the same as previous years. Dawes made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Chairman Hauptert presented a resolution approving a form of ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of improvement location permits for commercial solar energy systems in an A-1 zoning district, and referring the same to the Plan Commission for consideration and recommendation. Dawes made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-85-03. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0-1 (Eppley abstained).

Hauptert asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. Patricia Walters of LaFontaine reported a sidewalk at 204 W. Kendall was removed during the demolition of the house in January 2021. Walters stated she believes the county's contractor removed the sidewalk. She requested that the county install a new sidewalk along the street. The commissioners said they would look into this issue.

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to apply for the 2024 Justice Partners Addiction Response Grant for \$60,395.40. Swihart said the grant, which is due tomorrow, is an advance grant. Eppley made a motion to approve submitting an application for the grant. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

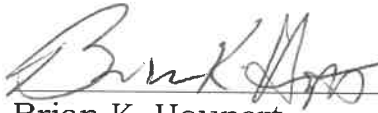
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Jeff Kumfer, with SRKM Architecture presented a contract with Lee Construction to restore the courthouse tower for \$696,960.00. Kumfer reported the county attorney has reviewed the contract. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 ,.


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, June 5, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Cole Wyatt, Jim Dils, Josh Petruniw, Tyler Guenin, Connie Rich, Dave Nelson, Nicky Burnsworth, Marcella Palmer, Bill Burnsworth, Suzanne Peebles, Cathy Coy, Josh Butcher, Emily Butcher, Denise Enyart, Cheryl Ridgeway, Cris Renn, Cheryl Ross and Gary Ridenour; *Via Zoom*: Amanda, Chris, Geoff Schortgen, Melanie, Jade Hall, Melanie Penn, owner, CheriS, Joseph Slacian and Don Jervis.

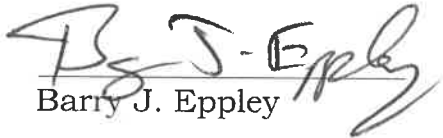
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Brian K. Hauptert
Chairman

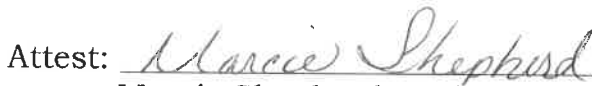


Jeff D. Dawes
Vice-Chairman



Barry J. Eppley

Attest:



Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor