

December 5, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 5, 2022. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Jeff D. Dawes present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the November 28, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Alex Downard of Imagine One 85 said the Countywide Comprehensive Plan is finished. He presented to the commissioners two printed copies and one electronic copy. He will be happy to meet with and explain the plan to anyone who has questions.

Lori Draper, Clerk of the Courts, presented the following:

1. The city has done some redistricting but the county is not required to do so. Hauptert made a motion to retain the current precinct districts. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. New voting machines and printers will be arriving soon. They are very large and the county will need additional space to store them. It was decided the equipment can be stored in the courthouse basement.
3. Voting in the clerk's office is no longer an option due to the number of people coming in to vote and the interruptions to the staff. An alternate location and a way to transport the new equipment to the polls must be considered soon.

Hauptert made a motion to appoint Beth Gillespie to the Wabash County Tourism Board. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mike Howard, Wabash County Plan Commission Director, presented Ordinance 2022-85-14, the final Zoning Ordinance for the unincorporated areas of Wabash County. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-85-14. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-85-14 on the second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sandy Beeks, Director of Central Dispatch, presented a contract with J&K Communication, Inc. for annual service on their radios in the amount of \$6,421.49. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, for Wabash County Highway Department, presented three quotes for two truck chassis. Stoops Freightliner was the lowest bid. Hauptert made a motion to sign the quote which will set the price. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, for the Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 88 inmates with 41 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 10 in the Fulton County Jail and 53 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 96. The total inmate count was 188.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/05/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims/allowances and withholdings for pay period ending 11/29/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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- 3. LIT distribution for \$1,113,834.50 to be disbursed to the county and other taxing units. Dawes made a motion to approve the distribution. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 4. FIT distribution for \$120,204.69 and CVET distribution for \$111,168.00 to be disbursed to the county and other taxing units. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distributions for FIT and CVET. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

PHASE 4 BID OPENING FOR THE NEW SHERIFF AND JAIL BUILDING

Hauptert made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc, Wabash, IN: Total: \$997,715.00
 Trade Package 32A: Asphalt Paving: \$ 855,405.00
 Trade Package 32C: Concrete Paving: \$142,310.00

MPX Solutions, Anderson, IN: Total \$149,985.87
 Trade Package 03 T: \$44,900.00
 Trade Package 35TL: \$43,860.00
 Trade Package TM: \$61,225.87

No bids for site & utilities were received as all larger companies were booked. Smaller local companies have approached to quote the work.

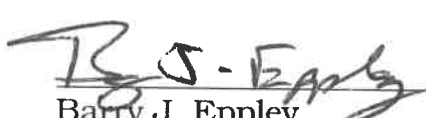
Hauptert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.


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

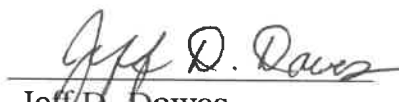
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, December 12, 2022.

Also present *in person*: Jim Dils, Shelly Baucco, Michael Pelsor, Todd Durnil and Brian Swihart; *via Zoom*: Melanie Penn, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


 Barry J. Eppley
 Chairman


 Brian K. Hauptert
 Vice-Chairman


 Jeff D. Dawes

Attest: 
 Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor