

April 3, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 3, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the March 27, 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 73 inmates, with 17 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Fulton County Jail and 50 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 78. The total inmate count was 138.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, presented:

1. Johnson Controls contract from September 2022 to provide preventative maintenance and inspection services for the fire alarm and sprinkler systems in the Judicial Center. They have been unresponsive to the changes requested. Jim Dils is concerned about operating without a service contract. He stated if we need to change vendors we may need all new equipment. Downs suggested signing the contract now and contacting other vendors for quotes before it ends. The contract is for three years and has annual pricing of \$6,700, \$7,500 and \$8,400. Dawes made a motion to approve the contract from July 19, 2022 as presented and investigate getting a new vendor. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Concerning the \$50,000 of the Opioid Settlement approved by County Council (March 20) to the Wabash County Drug Prevention Steering Committee. The committee is currently looking for someone to be accountable for the funds.
3. The agreements for Court Services are completed. Brian Swihart will need to present them for approval.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator/HR Director, presented:

1. The specs for the repair of the courthouse tower have been completed. A required pre-bid meeting will be held on April 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. The bid openings will be May 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Ads have been placed in the local newspapers.
2. The windows on the east side of the Judicial Center which are allowing rain to enter the building were recently inspected by representatives of Hall Aluminum Products, a company recommended by Atlas Building Services. The recommendation is to replace all of the windows on the east side. A quote will be prepared and presented.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 04/03/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Jail Bond Packet #23 for \$1,214,479.67 to be dispersed. Eppley made a motion to approve. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission for Downs to review a contract with TrueRoll which could provide information to help identify unqualified Homestead tax exemptions. The annual cost of \$8,421 would come out of the Auditor's Ineligible Fund. The commissioners agreed to have Downs review the contract.

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


Review Items: IDEM Notice: POET Biorefining – Approval – Modification at an existing source.

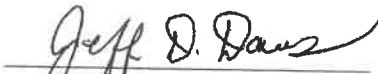
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With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 10, 2023.


Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Tyler Guenin and Nick Kopkey; *Via Zoom*: Jade Hall, Kandy Barker, Melanie Penn and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor