

June 26, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 26, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Hauptert, Jeff D. Dawes and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 19, 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.

Toni Adams and Katy Hudson, with Furry Fix, requested a 2024 budget allocation of \$39,000. Furry Fix is a 501(c)(3) organization. Its main purpose is to assist financially the residents of Wabash County to help offset the cost to spay or neuter feral cats within the county.

Jeff Patton, President/CEO Arc of Wabash County presented their request for a 2024 budget allocation of \$73,229 (same as in 2023). Arc provides programs for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities. Arc provides services to approximately 150 youth and adults in Wabash County. Arc currently has 69 chapters in the State of Indiana, which is the largest number in the United States.

Marcie Shepherd, for the Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 86 inmates, with 9 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 1 in the Fulton County Jail and 41 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 30 book-ins and 3 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 94. The total prisoner count was 146.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 06/26/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Request #29 to pay vendors \$18,843.43 out of the bond for the new jail. Dawes made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Appointment of Larry Jamerson to the Laketon Area Regional Sewer District. Eppley made a motion to approve the appointment. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented the TrueRoll contract not to exceed \$9,000 and requested permission to sign the contract. Dawes made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Presented a purchase agreement from the City of Wabash to purchase from the county a small piece of property on East Street. The city is in the process of building an overpass and needs to acquire the parcel. The city has offered \$600. The documents are requesting two signatures. Eppley made a motion to approve the documents and for Hauptert and Dawes to sign. 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.

Request for Proposals for furniture at the new jail were received from Paragon Resources, Inc., DDP Business Solutions and Commercial Office Environment. Eppley made to motion to acknowledge the RFP's. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The RFP's will now go before the furniture committee to be scored.

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, July 3, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Latheda Metzger, Anne Eddingfield, Jeff Patton, Nicky Burnworth, Brooke Vanderpool, Chris Hickmand, Debbi Hipskind, Rod H., Dan

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Metzger, Cheryl Ross, Sarah Pereira, Andy Ross, Bill Burnsworth and Michelle Palmer; *Via Zoom*: Katy Hudson, Melanie Penn, Connie, Cathy S. and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor