

**April 1, 2024**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 1, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes opened the meeting with an announcement that Rich Mofield will now serve as Interim Director of the Wabash County Health Department.

Marcie Shepherd, for the Wabash County Highway Department, presented:

1. Road cut permit from Troy Eads Excavating to install a new tile at 8300 N 100 E. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Road cut permit from Eads & Son to install storm drainage at 106 E 200 N. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Two utility permits for Butler Fairman & Seufert to conduct soil borings on 1100 N between 500 E and 650 E and America Road between 600 S and 250 S. Eppley made a motion to approve both permits. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, for the Wabash County Sheriff, presented the jail report. Currently the jail has 70 inmates with 3 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 21 in the Fulton County Jail, 19 in the Cass County Jail and 30 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 75. The total prisoner count was 145. Guenin reported the department is starting to move items into the new jail.

Keith Walters, EMA Director, presented quotes for subscription services for critical communications. Walters reported three quotes were received:

- Everbridge: 3-year contract with a cost of \$9,913.75 per year
- Hyperreach: 5-year contract with a cost of \$7,200 per year
- OnSolve: 5-year contract with a cost of \$6,900 for the first year and \$6,400 the remaining four years.

County Attorney Mark Frantz reported he has reviewed the contracts. OnSolve has a limit on the liability but he is okay with it. Hauptert made a motion to sign the OnSolve contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator, presented:

1. An amendment to the Health Care Benefit Plan. The amendment will allow Public Defenders to be on the county insurance plan. Eppley made a motion to approve the amendment. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Change order for the courthouse Dome/Tower project to reduce the final payment by \$7,715 to repair water damages. Hauptert made a motion to approve the change order. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, for the Wabash County Clerk, presented election worker contracts for Jane Barlow and Arleene Wolfgang. Eppley made a motion to approve the contracts. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 04/01/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.


Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.


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Hauptert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Chris Hickman, Marcella Palmer, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Barry Stroup, Tyler Niccum and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: KandyB, Jade Hall, Phone, Bhegel, Theda Metzger, Connie, CathyS and Don Jervis.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor