

June 17, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 17, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert were present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Teresa Galley, Executive Director Wabash County Museum thanked the Commissioners/County for the continued support and funding. Galley reported the attendance in 2023 was 16,677 guests, with 110 Veterans that were free admissions and 13,000 students. The numbers for 2024 students have already doubled. The Meadow Sensory Exhibit has been well received. Northfork and Southern has committed to help restore the caboose. The HVAC system upgrade has been completed. Next, they will be scheduling additional building repairs. Galley ended with a request of \$40,000 for the 2025 budget year.

Marcie Shepherd read a letter from the Lagro Canal Foundation requesting \$78,700 for the 2025 budget year. Twenty thousand dollars would be used to raze a home at 620 Washington Street. The additional \$58,700 will be used to improve the old Lagro Café building to prepare for a bulk food grocery store. Upgrades will include insulating the ceiling cavity with foam, installing protection in the basement to avoid leakage, installing HVAC and replacing plumbing.

Brian Campbell, Wabash County Plan Commission Director requested the appointment of Michael Ruse to the Area Plan Advisory Board. Hauptert made a motion to approve the appointment. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Josh Petruniw, Wabash County Attorney representative stated a meeting will be held Wednesday regarding the ongoing jail litigation.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 06/17/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 05/25/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. June Settlement for \$24,736,948.11 to all taxing units. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. June 2024 Operating Levy for \$1,956,048.48 to all the taxing units. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Supplemental Operating Levy for \$607,597.00 to all the taxing units. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution. 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.

Dawes reported the commissioners have received an IDEM notice for Bionutrients Ag, LLC. It is for the 30-day public comment on New Source Construction and Federal Enforceable State Operating Permit. A copy is available to anyone who would like to read it.

Eppley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 24, 2024.

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Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Tyler Guenin, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Tyler Niccum, Jay Lynn, Chris Hickman, Jim Dixon and Cheryl Ross. *Via Zoom*: KandyB, phone, Suzanne Peebles, Connie, Theda Metzger, 828-6097-8566, Blake Huston and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor