

**January 3, 2023**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Auditor Marcie Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Jeff D. Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. Shepherd requested nominations for the 2023 Commissioner Chairman. Dawes made a motion to nominate Brian K. Hauptert. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Shepherd turned the meeting over to chairman Hauptert. Hauptert requested nominations for vice-chairman. Eppley made a motion to nominate Jeff D. Dawes; Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The minutes of the December 19, 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.

The commissioners were assigned to the following boards:

- Central Dispatch Advisory Board – Jeff Dawes
- County Tax Abatement Committee – Jeff Dawes
- Northeast Regional Partnership – Barry Eppley
- Northeast Indiana Mayor & Commissioners Caucus – Barry Eppley
- Plan Commission Board – Jeff Dawes
- Redevelopment Commission – Barry Eppley
- Region III A – Brian Hauptert
- Transit Advisory Board – Barry Eppley
- Emergency Management Advisory Council – Brian Hauptert
- Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) – Brian Hauptert
- Public Records Commission – Brian Hauptert
- Grow Wabash County Board – Brian Hauptert

All three commissioners are members of the Wabash County Drainage Board and Wabash County Solid Waste District Management Board.

The following individuals were requested to be appointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) – Terry Knee, Bob Lundquist and Jon Rosen.

Eppley made a motion to approve all of the preceding appointments and requests. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Appointment to Wabash County Board of Health – Dr. Eric Reichenbach. Dawes made a motion to approve Dr. Reichenbach. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Appointment to Wabash County Board of Health – Keith Walters. Eppley made a motion to approve Keith Walters. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Appointment to North Manchester Plan Commission Board – Byron Brunn and Dennis Ayers. Dawes made a motion to approve Byron Brunn and Dennis Ayers. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Appointment to North Manchester Economic Development Commission – Sam Knight. Dawes made a motion to approve Sam Knight. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a utility permit from QC Communications-Comcast to install new service along Old 24 and 400 W (to 1843 S SR 115). Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Marcie Shepherd for Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 88 inmates, with 35 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, and 55 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 14 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 92. The total inmate count was 172.

Marcie Shepherd for Keith Walters, EMA Director, presented:

1. County Disaster Emergency Declaration for Travel Restrictions on December 23, 2022. Eppley made a motion to approve the declaration. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Recension of Disaster Emergency Declaration for Travel Restrictions on December 24, 2022. Eppley made a motion to approve the recension. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/30/2022. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 1/03/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Payroll claims and allowances with withholdings for pay period ending 12/24/2022. Dawes made a motion to approve; Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Resolution 2023-85-01 – A resolution establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioners' Sale on February 22, 2023. Eppley made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-85-01. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. SRI tax sale services agreement. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. 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.

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, January 9, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, William Carroll, Mark Frantz, Jim Dils and Brian Swihart; *Via Zoom*: Don Jarvis, Kandy Barker and Melanie Penn.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Brian K. Hauptert  
Chairman

  
Jeff D. Dawes  
Vice-Chairman

  
Barry J. Eppley

Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor