

October 16, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 16, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the October 10, 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.

Andrea Smith, Wabash County Circuit Court, requested permission to apply for the Indiana Supreme Court Interpreters Grant. The grant has been applied for in the past is a reimbursable grant. This year, Smith reported they are applying for \$20,000 to help offset costs not covered in the budget. Eppley made a motion to approve the application. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented: the jail currently has 90 inmates with 9 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 23 in the Fulton County Jail, 13 in the Cass County Jail and 19 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 11 book-ins and 4 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total prisoner count was 145.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 10/16/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. 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.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer, presented a confidentiality agreement for review between Visit Wabash County and Wabash County. It would allow Christine Flohr, with Visit Wabash County, to access information regarding the Innkeeper's Tax. Flohr would like to receive this information for budgeting and marketing purposes. Layman reported Flohr had requested this access in 2019 but the county did not approve. Eppley made a motion to take the agreement under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.


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, October 23, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Cole Wyatt, Mark Frantz, Jim Dils, Dave Nelson, Cheryl Ridgeway, Cheryl Ross, Marcella Palmer, Bill Burnsworth and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: Theda Metzger, Melanie Penn, Jade Hall, Karsten Kersey, kbarker and Don Jervis.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Brian K. Hauptert
Chairman



Jeff D. Dawes
Vice-Chairman



Barry J. Eppley

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor