

July 8, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 8, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the July 1, 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.

Dawes presented a three-year agreement with Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. The county has been a partner for several years. Yearly dues are required to be a part of the partnership. In 2025 there will be a slight increase, with the yearly fee of \$15,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the partnership agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported he discovered the job site trailer was moved to the new jail without a moving permit and asked if it could also be removed without a permit. Dawes stated the county has been in contact with Pyramid about obtaining a lost title in order to sell the trailer. The lost title process has been started and the commissioners will keep him informed.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney presented an engagement letter from Keeler-Webb Associates who have been assisting with the jail litigations. The engagement letter is providing for an amendment to the original scope of work to complete the written report detailing inspection observations, analysis and opinions on causes of various damages and defective work related to the design and construction of the original roofing system. The letter also is requesting compensation for the additional work not to exceed \$14,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the \$14,000 and the amendment to the engagement letter. Hauptert 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 07/08/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. The July LIT distribution for \$1,475,186.34 to be disbursed to the county taxing units. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes stated for the 2025 budgets department heads should increase employee wages by 5%. The results of this recommendation will need to be approved by the Council during the budget process and is subject to change in either direction.

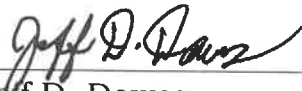
Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.

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, July 15, 2024.

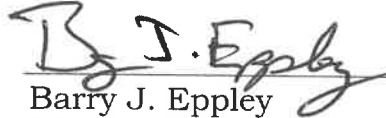
Also present: *In person*: Kandy Barker, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, LuAnn Layman, Tyler Niccum, Cole Wyatt, Dave Nelson, Cynthia Donovan, Tyler Guenin and Cheryl Ross. *Via Zoom*: Don Jervis, Jade Hall, Connie, phone, Theda Metzger and Amanda Shambarger.

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WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Chairman



Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman



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Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor