

July 24, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 24, 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 July 17, 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.

Terry Burnworth, Owners Rep for Jail project presented:

1. A quote for a sewer grinder (Muffin Monster) for the new jail. This is the only quote that was received for \$62,922. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote not to exceed \$62,922. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Addendum #3 appointing Pyramid as the RA of record for the jail. Dawes made a motion to approve the addendum pending legal review. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. A request for Community Crossings Matching Grant funds;
 - a. Mill and overlay: Somerset town streets \$52,000 to be funded out of the MVH Restricted fund (1173)
 - b. Polymeric overlay: Bridge 509 and 41 for \$93,748.37 to be funded out of Cum Bridge fund (1135).
 - c. Superstructure replacement Bridge 109 for \$143,787.62 to be funded out of Cum Bridge fund (1135).

Eppley made a motion to approve the CCMG Financial Letters. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Right of Way permit for Frontier to install new service at 4560 W 700 S. Dawes made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin for the Wabash County Sheriff reported the jail currently has 80 inmates, with 23 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 10 in the Fulton County Jail, 16 in the Cass County Jail and 39 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 94. The total prisoner count was 163.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 07/25/2023. 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. Ms. Walters of LaFontaine requested information on the sidewalk issue in Lafontaine. Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported the county will not be replacing the sidewalk. Hauptert suggested contacting the town of LaFontaine.

Patricia Walters, Andera Benbow and Betty Martins, owners of land where the highway has removed fencing in the right of way, asked questions on policy and if the fence would be restored. Steve Downs stated the county would make an insurance claim and the insurance adjuster would make the determination of a claim and the cost. Walters said she would follow up if she didn't hear anything in the next month.

James Derck reported he was unhappy with the chip and seal on 1050 South. Derck asked if the county would pay to remove oil from his trucks; Hauptert said no they do not pay to remove oil from trucks and they would look into the complaint.


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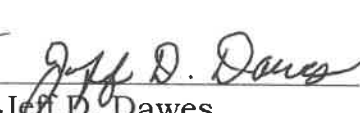
Allie Daugherty, Office of Community & Rural Affairs, reported they have new grants available for rehabilitation centers.

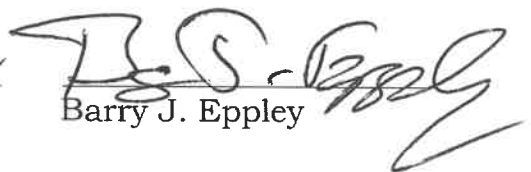
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday July 31, 2023.

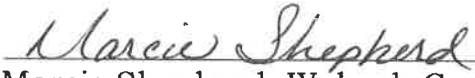
Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Nicky Burnsworth, Marcella Palmer, Bill Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Alex Doward and Chris Hickman; *Via Zoom*: Jade Hall, Melanie Penn, owner, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.

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