

October 24, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 24, 2022. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker stated the jail currently has 98 inmates with 43 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 17 in the Fulton County Jail and 40 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 26 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 100. The total inmate count was 184.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented:

1. Proposed letter of engagement for Barnes & Thornburg, LLP. Downs said the letter was satisfactory and the costs of the service would be paid by the company with respect to possible solar energy development in the county. Hauptert made a motion to approve the letter. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. He has reviewed a new contract dated September 1, 2022 with Johnson Controls to maintain and test the alarm and sprinkler systems in the courthouse and judicial center. Downs said he has several concerns including the automatic increase in fees, limit liability to the amount of the contract, if we had any problem with a dispute with the company we would have to go to Canada to dispute it and indemnification from all liability in the event of any legal cases. Downs will send a letter addressing the concerns.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented a proposal from MJV to increase the cleaning at the judicial center from two days to three days a week. The cost would increase by 50%. He also would like to have MJV strip and wax the floors in both the courthouse and judicial center. Hauptert made a motion to approve the proposal. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. A contract for absentee voter worker, MaryAnn Blair. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A Court Reform Grant for Circuit Court. This is a reimbursement grant that would pay to add security cameras to the current network and purchase ADA compliant listening devices. Dawes made a motion to approve the grant application. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 10/24/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Payroll claims/allowances and withholdings for pay period ending 10/15/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Jail Bond Request for Payment #13 for \$1,871,930.64 to be dispersed. Dawes made a motion to approve the request. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

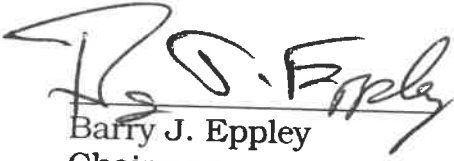
Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

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, October 31, 2022.

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Also present *in person*: Shelly Baucco, Cole Wyatt, Keith Walters and Brian Swihart; *via Zoom*: Don Jervis and Kandy Barker.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Barry J. Eppley
Chairman

Brian K. Hauptert
Vice-Chairman



Jeff D. Dawes

Attest: Marcie Shepherd
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor