

November 13, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 13, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the November 6, 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.

Resolution 2023-85-06 Participation in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor and re-appointing Mike Beauchamp to the board. Eppley made a motion to approve the Resolution 2023-85-06. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Terry Burnworth, Owner's rep for the new jail project, presented;

1. Midland Engineering contract for the new roof on the jail, including the sally port canopy. The contract for \$1,446,700 is to install a membrane roof made by Secka with a 25-year warranty. Midland will be able to start work on December 1, 2023. The estimated time to complete the roof is three months, weather permitting.
 - a. Chris Hickman asked if the county will try to recover the cost of the roof. Commissioner Dawes said it is on the list of items being questioned.
 - b. Sheriff Baker asked if installing the roof in the winter would be a good idea. Burnworth said this kind of roof can be installed in the winter.
 - c. Tyler Guenin asked if the holes from the model roof would be filled to prevent leaks. Burnworth said that the company will work a small section at a time to be sure the holes are filled correctly.Eppley made a motion to approve the contract pending attorney review. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Request to purchase an electric scissor lift for \$5,250. The 2014 Genie GS1930 lift will hold up to 3,000 pounds and reach the height needed. Eppley made a motion to approve the purchase of the lift. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested finding a date for a building dedication and an open house for the public to tour the new jail. Burnworth said the facility will be ready for tours on December 1, 2023. The commissioners said they would look over the times and rules for the public and get back with him on the date.
4. BIS Digital proposal for installation of Video Arraignment (\$12,381.81) and Courtroom (\$23,732.17) equipment. Eppley made a motion to approve pending a funding source. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Approval of Gaunt & Son Asphalt contract for asphalt and concrete paving. The asphalt will be completed in stages. The base coat will be installed now with the top coat to be installed in the spring. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Substantial completion certificates for Kettelhut, QPH and D&D are prepared with County Attorney Steve Downs suggestions. Downs questioned the substantial completion date of November 1. He stated it should be changed to December 1, 2023, which will begin the 1-year warranty period. Burnworth said he would change the substantial completion date December 1, 2023. Dawes made a motion to approve with the revised date and attorney recommended language. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, requested the bids from Dalton for right-of-way spraying and S&M Contractor for mowing be accepted. Dawes made a motion to approve the bids from October 23 from Dalton and S&M. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff presented:

1. The jail currently has 87 inmates with 9 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 14 in the Fulton County Jail, 20 in the Cass County Jail and 17 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 88. The total prisoner count was 148.
2. An agreement with SRI to conduct Sheriff Sales. The contract will be for one year at no cost to the county. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the Sheriff to sign the agreement. 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 11/13/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. CVET monthly distribution in the amount of \$115,516. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution 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.


Matthew Enyeart expressed his concerns regarding the quality of service that Parkview EMS is providing north of State Road 16. Enyeart read the contract and a letter outlining his concerns. Robert Sklar also stated his concerns via Zoom on the topic. Both requested adding reporting requirements to the contract before renewing the agreement at the end of the year. Downs replied that there are requirements in the contract for the Town of North Manchester to pursue if needed. Downs suggested they go to the Town of North Manchester and express their concerns. Hauptert said he appreciates the comments and the feedback on the services and they will look into the contract.

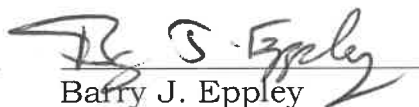
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 20, 2023.


Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Cheryl Ross, Marcella Palmer, Chris Hickman, Bill Burnsworth and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: Ashley Schlemmer, CAR, Connie, Melanie Penn, KandiC, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.

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