

May 13, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 13, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dawes and Barry J. Eppley were present. Brian K. Haupert was absent. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the May 6, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc, presented the following for approval and signatures:

1. Certifications and assurances fiscal year 2024 for FTA (Federal Transit Act) assistance programs.
2. Resolution 2024-85-05, Authorizing Resolution to apply for the 5322/5339 Transit Grant. Eppley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-85-05. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
3. Local financial certification and assurances.
4. Certification of use of project equipment and facilities.
5. Special Section 5333 Warranty to be posted where affected employees may see it.
6. Pass-through agreement as required by FTA for activities associated with the project from 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

Eppley made a motion to approve all documents needed to apply for the 2025 5311 Transportation Grant. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to apply for the CY24-25 Justice Partners Addiction Response Grant for \$61,380. This is an advance grant that runs from 10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025. Eppley made a motion to approve the grant application. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension Director, requested use of the building at 808 Manchester Ave. from June 24 until after the Wabash County Fair ends. Schortgen said they would like to use this as a staging area. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd presented change orders for:

D&D Electric – change order 12-21 for \$35,923.28

QPH – change orders 18 & 19 for \$13,440.

Kettelhut – change orders 19 & 21 for \$15,744.

Gaunt & Son – change order 32AC-01 - reduction \$20,200.

David Terflinger asked who approved these to be paid? Shepherd explained these had been reviewed during the weekly progress meetings at the jail jobsite but had not been addressed during the commissioners' meeting; therefore she is presenting them now in the open meeting. Eppley made a motion to approve all change orders. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, presented right-of-way permits from:

1. TWN for fiber optic installation at 7695 S Old SR 15

2. QC Communications to install fiber optic for Comcast at 4254 W Old 24.

Eppley made a motion to approve the permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote

Marcie Shepherd, presented the weekly jail report. There were 131 inmates with 1 additional being housed in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 14 book-ins and 3 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 135 with a total prisoner count of 134.

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Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented:

1. A change order #1 from Atlas Building Services for additional work performed during the restoration project on the west side of the courthouse. Items listed included replace sealant around all windows, paint attic windows and perform dust recovery for a total of \$15,409. Eppley made a motion to approve the change order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Dils is still waiting on quotes for interior cleaning of some offices on the west side.
2. A request to use the Roann Covered Bridge for a wedding on 09/21/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 05/13/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Presented an agreement with Metronet for a new phone system at the courthouse and judicial center for \$1,335.15 per month. There have been problems with the current phone system. Multiple quotes had been received but this was the lowest cost. Dils stated he did not think the current system needed to be replaced as he has not had any recent complaints about non-working phones. Eppley made a motion to table the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.


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

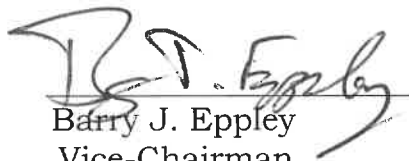
Dawes congratulated Tyler Niccum, Cheryl Ross and Shelly Bauccho on their primary election wins.

Eppley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 20, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Mark Frantz, Tyler Guenin, Chris Hickman, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Tyler Niccum and Jim Dixon. *Via Zoom*: KandyB, Blake Huston, Phone, Leslie Hickman, Ashlie and Don Jervis.

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