

**May 6, 2019**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 6, 2019. Chairman 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 April 29, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mike Howard, County Plan Commissioner Director presented Ordinance 2019-85-03. The ordinance vacates lots 4,5,6,7 and 8 of the amended plat of the Village of Spikerville (Speicherville). The vacated lots become part of a metes and bounds description. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-85-03. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed on first reading by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent reported:

1. Bridge 151 (1200 S over Cart Creek) was opened to traffic April 26, 2019.
2. Bridge 155 (Meridian Road over Clear Creek) is expected to be open by the end of the week, weather permitting.

Cassidy Puglisi, County Jail Commander reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 116 inmates with 55 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 9 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 17 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 124. The total prisoner count was 178.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director requested permission to apply for a Homeland Security grant to purchase two LED signboards. The commissioners approved the request.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 5/6/2019. The commissioners approved all claims.

Jed Dirk, with LaFontaine Gravel expressed appreciation to the county highway department for assisting with the removal of material that could have been ruined due to high water.

Mike Howard, County Plan Commissioner Director stated the Plan Commission's request for approval of an amendment to the Wabash County Confined Feeding Ordinance needs to be continued. It was recommended for approval by the Plan Commission during their meeting on May 2 but County Attorney Steve Downs needs more time to review it. If changes are requested, the revised amendment

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will be returned to the Plan Commission for review and approval at their meeting on June 6 and presented to the commissioners on June 10.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 13, 2019.

Also, present: The Paper reporter Josh Sigler, Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis, County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Kaitlin Gebby.