

January 13, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 13, 2020. 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 January 6, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Supervisor, was present with nothing to report.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 83 inmates with 40 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 36 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 31 book-ins and 21 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 96. The total prisoner count is 164.

Keith Walters, EMA Director, present with nothing to report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented Resolution 2020-85-01 Promoting Development and Growth of the Wabash County Convention, Visitor and Tourism Industry. This resolution updates previous resolutions to comply with changes to state law. Eppley made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-85-01. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented a request from the Wabash County Board of Health that Dr. Stephen Fassino and Dr. Charles Lyons be reappointed to the board for a 3-year term. Eppley made a motion to reappoint both to the health board. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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 Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Also, present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Jed Dirk with Lafontaine Gravel, Josh Wincotte with Purdue Extension, and Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Rob Burgess.