

February 17, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 17, 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 February 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bids were presented as advertised for the Old U.S. 24 project. Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

- Gaunt & Son Asphalt - \$1,074,901.60
- E & B Paving Inc. - \$1,217,544.63

Eppley made a motion to take the bids under review. Representatives from Butler, Seufert and Fairman were present to review the bids and will give feedback at the end of the meeting.

Eppley made a motion to appoint Larry Curless, Marcie Shepherd and Barry Eppley to the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission. The appointments are retroactive to January 1, 2020 and are for one year or until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a contract inquiry from Ohio Farmers Insurance regarding Bridge 155. The commissioners signed the inquiry.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 41 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 34 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 26 book-ins and 18 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 88. The total prisoner count is 170.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, requested the commissioners authorize platting of the former Wabash County Farm property for commercial and industrial purposes. Eppley made the motion to authorize the platting. 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:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 2/17/2020.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 2/8/2020.

The commissioners approved all claims.

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The meeting was held in recess until the review of the bids was completed. Mike Mang with Butler, Seufert & Fairman stated the bids were all in order except for a mathematical error on the Gaunt & Son bid. The new amount is \$1,076,157.10, which is still the lowest bid. Eppley made a motion to approve the bid from Gaunt & Son. 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 Monday, February 24, 2020.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Sam Knight, Anthony Sorg, Toby Steffen, Seth Bondurant, Bruce Spires, Vince Hamersly, Keith Gillenwater and Tenille Zartman.