

March 2, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 2, 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 24, 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.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A utility permit from Urban Cable Construction to install cable on 300 N west of 500 E. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. In April 2020, a small section of State Road 16 will be closed east of State Road 13. A local detour has been established on 100 E to 500 N to 150 E. Eppley made a motion to approve the local detour. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 44 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 35 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 15 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 84. The total prisoner count is 163.

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

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented a one renewal agreement from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Indiana. It becomes effective 4/1/2020. The health plan benefits are the same as last year. There will changes in some costs but employee payroll deductions will not be increased. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 2/22/2020.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 3/2/2020.

Dawes made a motion to approve all claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shepherd requested approval for the National Day of Prayer service to be held on the north lawn on the courthouse beginning at noon on May 7, 2020. The commissioners approved the request.

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Eppley stated on February 14, 2020 he attended a jail seminar in the morning and later that day all three commissioners participated in a conference call concerning USDA funding for the jail.

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, March 9, 2020.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Wabash Plain Dealer editor Rob Burgess, Elevatus representative Doug Dukes, Butler Seufert & Fairman representative Toby Steffen, Josh Goodman, Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper and Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin.