

April 6, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 6, 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 March 30, 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 Superintendent, presented:

1. Wabash County Bridge Inventory Report Phase II. The commissioners signed the report.
2. Registration for 2019 Ford truck. Hauptert signed the registration.

Wabash County Sheriff's office reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 31 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 33 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 11 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 85. The total prisoner count is 153.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative, presented Resolution 2020-85-05 Assigning a tax sale certificate (old General Tire site) of sale held in the name of Wabash County to the City of Wabash. Eppley made a motion to approve the resolution. 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 4/6/2020. Dawes made a motion to approve all claims as submitted. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested approval for Circuit Court to apply for a court interpreter grant in the amount of \$10,000. Hauptert noted that two trials are pending and this grant may not be enough to pay the necessary costs to provide interpreters. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley made a motion to approve the following due to the COVID-19 emergency.

1. The Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department will remain closed to the public except by appointment through April 20, 2020. Business may continue to be conducted via telephone, email, or the county website.
2. Wabash County department heads have the discretion to staff their offices based on current needs.

Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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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, April 13, 2020.

The following were also present at the meeting: Wabash County Treasurer LuAnn Layman.

Approved as submitted