

April 13, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 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 April 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 Superintendent, presented a supplemental agreement #1 (change order) from United Consulting for West Plains Mining for the construction of the tunnel under US 24. Downs stated West Plains Mining should be invoiced by the county for the cost. Wyatt stated he would begin progress billing. Eppley made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff's office reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 29 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 32 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 8 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 85. The total prisoner count is 139.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, suggested that to comply with the governor's stay-at-home order due to COVID-19, only essential meetings should be held. The commissioners should determine in advance if a meeting is essential. Zoom or call-in meetings could be held. Eppley made a motion that Hauptert and Shepherd should discuss in advance if a meeting is necessary and then schedule as appropriate. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 4/4/2020.

Shepherd also suggested a drop box located at the coroner's office could be moved and attached to the courthouse (west entrance) to receive documents when the building is closed. This would be useful for receiving property tax payments. The commissioners agreed, if it is feasible, to have the drop box moved and attached to the courthouse.

With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners are tentatively scheduled to next meet on Monday, April 20, 2020.