

April 27, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 27, 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 13, 2020 meeting were reviewed. (The April 20, 2020 meeting was canceled.) 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, requested:

1. Permission to sign on behalf of the commissioners to make an application for title for a Ford F550 mechanic truck. Eppley made a motion to grant permission. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Received a status inquiry from Ohio Farmers Insurance for the status of Bridge 118 (75 E over Burr Creek). Hauptert signed the inquiry.
3. Requested approval for an unofficial detour of SR 114. Bridge 114 (over Clear Creek) will be repaired. The unofficial detour for SR 114 is north on 100 W to 1300 N, east to N Meridian Road, then south to SR 13 continuing to SR 114. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented a utility permit from Frontier Communications to restore service to 5245 S 300 W. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Requested approval of a quote from Troy Eads Excavating for tree/debris removal near Bridge 144. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Stated the West Plains Mining tunnel under old US 24 is going slower than anticipated. It is estimated the project may be completed by the end of May.

Wabash County Sheriff's office reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 76 inmates with 23 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 24 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 4 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population for last week was 85. The total prisoner count is 124.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 4/18/2020.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 4/20/2020. Eppley made a motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested a signature of the commissioner chair on the tax sale assignment of One General St LLC to the City of Wabash. (April 6, 2020). Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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4. Requested permission to present to the Council a transfer to create a line item named Covid-19 for expenditures related to the virus. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer, requested permission to bring before the Council an additional appropriation for the cost of a coat rack that will come out of the solid waste administration fee budget. The commissioners approved.

Jeff Dawes stated the Wabash Plan Commission would like to appoint Suzie Stephen to the board. Eppley made a motion to approve the appointment. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated an informational meeting regarding the Wabash County Jail will be held on either Tuesday or Friday. The details have not been finalized.

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, May 4, 2020.