

July 6, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 6, 2020. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners' present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd.

Haupert turned the meeting over to Keith Gillenwater, CEO of Grow Wabash County to conduct a public hearing for the COVID-19 Phase II Recovery Program. Chelsea Bouliss and all commissioners spoke in favor of the program. There were no objections or questions. Gillenwater closed the public hearing.

Haupert resumed the commissioners' meeting.

The minutes of the June 29, 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.

Laura Rager, Executive Director, North Manchester Center for History presented information about the Center and what it has to offer. The museum is currently run by more than 70 volunteers and three part-time employees. Rager requested \$10,000 be allocated by Wabash County to help support the Center's 2021 budget. (This is the first time such a request has been presented.)

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A utility permit from Frontier Communications to install service to 4432 Old State Road 15. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A sub-agreement with Butler Fairman and Seufert for engineering services for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program 2020-2. Eppley made a motion to approve the sub-agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 81 inmates with 33 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 14 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 82. Total prisoner count for last week was 126.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the following:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 7/6/2020.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 6/27/2020.

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

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Linda Jervis stated she was misquoted in the Wabash Plain Dealer when it stated she was in agreement with the county commissioners concerning the progress of Bridge 144. She is not in agreement with the commissioners. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor stated a correction will be printed.

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, July 13, 2020.

Also, present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Tenille Zartman, Grow Wabash County; Josh Goodman, RQAW; and Don Jervis.