

## August 3, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 3, 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 July 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. (Hauptert abstained because he was not present at the previous meeting.)

Shepherd presented the weekly jail report for Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker. The Wabash County Jail currently has 83 inmates with 52 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 12 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 19 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 93. The total prisoner count is 152.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Utility permit requests from Frontier Communications for 103 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Liberty Mills and from CenturyLink for 200 N 700 W. Eppley made a motion to approve both requests. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested the commissioners sign an agreement with Ceres Solutions for fuel tanks and supplies pending approval by the county attorney. Dawes made a motion to approve the agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Notified the commissioners that INDOT has started work on the J-turns at 300 E & US 24 and that the work should be completed in September. The commissioners previously sent a letter to INDOT stating they strongly disagreed with this project.

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:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance for docket ending 8/03/2020.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 7/25/2020.

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

Paul Pattee reported that at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday he could hear shooting from the gun range at Bass & Bucks. His opinion is it is out of control and only a matter of time before someone gets shot on or near the river. Pattee asked what steps could be taken to look into this matter. Dawes directed him to speak with the Wabash County Plan Commission and ask to be placed on their agenda. Doug Unger also spoke in support of Pattee's noise and safety concerns.

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James Derck requested an update on Bridge 144. Wyatt stated they were waiting on updated plans for bridges 143 & 144.

With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners are scheduled to next meet on Monday, August 10, 2020.

Review Items: Mediacom-change in line-up; Secretary of the Interior - National Garden of American Heroes.

*Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Don Jarvis, and Wabash Plain Dealer editor Rob Burgess.*

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