

**October 26, 2020**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 26, 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 October 19, 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.

Andrea Zwiebel, Executive Director of Wabash Marketplace made a request for \$10,000 to fund the "Downtown Holiday Night to Remember" taking place on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 4-9 p.m. The first \$5,000 is for Event and Marketing Expenses, the other \$5,000 is for COVID-19 Initiatives. This event has been approved by the Wabash County Health Department. Eppley made a motion to take the request under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Requested approval for a road-cut permit from Eads and Son to replace a field tile across 500 N, 985 feet west of 400 E. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to add three part-time employees to be utilized during snow events. This is necessary in part due to a reduction of the workforce that occurred earlier this year. Eppley made a motion to approve the hiring of three part-time employees. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, on behalf of Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker, presented the jail report. Wabash County Jail currently has 98 inmates with 42 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Tipton County Jail and 14 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 94. The total prisoner count is 159.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowance for pay period ending 10/17/2020. Eppley made a motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A request to replace the accounts payable deputy who is retiring on December 11, 2020. The new person would start December 14, 2020 and the first check would come from the 2021 budget. Eppley made a motion to approve the hiring of a new accounts payable deputy. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Lori Draper, Wabash County Clerk requested approval on an agreement to hire Carrie Reynolds to work the election. Dawes made a motion to approve Carrie Reynolds. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley presented a claim for the Local Match for the Grow Wabash County COVID-19 Grant. The Local Match of \$40,000 will come out of the CEDIT Fund Economic Development. Eppley made a motion to approve the claim. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

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, November 2, 2020.

*Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco and Jim Christie.*