

November 9, 2020

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

The minutes of the November 2, 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.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County CoA presented the 2020 5311 Grant 3rd quarter report for approval to submit to INDOT for payment. Ferry gave a brief update on the safety measures being taken to continue to operate.

Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension Director presented the Purdue Extension Contractual Services Agreement for 2021. The contract is the same as last year; \$114,500 for three educators. Eppley made a motion to approve the service agreement for 2021. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Chairman Hauptert stated the commissioners received a request from Barbara Pearson for a Stop the Steal rally to be held outside the courthouse on November 12th at 5:00 p.m. The commissioners are not encouraging large public gatherings but approved the request as long as proper social distancing guidelines are followed.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented an encroachment agreement with Grace United Methodist Church (Urbana). Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented a contract status inquiry from Ohio Farmers Insurance for Bridge 118.
3. Requested approval of a contract with INDOT-LPA Des. No.:1902850 on Bridge 652 (Market Street over the Eel River in North Manchester). Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker presented the jail report. Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates with 44 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Tipton County Jail and 16 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 14 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 96. The total prisoner count is 155.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 10/31/2020. Dawes made a motion to approve all claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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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 16, 2020.

Also present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Josh Goodman, Trisha Werner, Jim Christie, Kenneth Fries and Michael Johnston.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brian K. Hauptert
Chairman

Jeff D. Dawes
Vice-Chairman

Barry J. Eppley

Attest: _____
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor