

November 23, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 23, 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 meeting was held both virtual and in-person.) The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd.

The minutes of the November 16, 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.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented a commitment letter for the replacement of Bridge 143 (1050 S over Grant Creek). If approved, it will be a federal aid project. The county would need to provide 20% of the project cost or \$436,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the commitment letter. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Stated the contract with Pyramid Architecture/Engineering, to be the owner's representative on the new jail project, is ready for approval and signatures. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested more information from Wyatt concerning the vacation of Bridge 144 and portions of the road on both sides. Because the adjoining land is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, they will need to be contacted due to the stipulations they have regarding vacating roads that abut their property.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 11/15/2020. Dawes made a motion to approve all claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley stated on November 12, 2020 he met with Wabash County Transit officials to review financials for the 3rd quarter and operations for the 4th quarter.

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 30, 2020.

Also present: Michael Johnson and Josh Goodman (in-person); Rob Burgess and Jim Christie (via Zoom).

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