

November 30, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 30, 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 23, 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.

A public hearing was held to vacate a portion of an unimproved street and lots in Servia. Lots 11,12,19 & 20 of the original plat of New Madison (Servia) and all of South Street located east of Lagro and Manchester Plank Road (County Road 300 East, South Main St.) and south of the vacated lots (listed above), per the original plat of New Madison (Servia). Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-85-16 approving the vacate. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approved Ordinance 2020-85-16 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sam Daugherty, County Veteran Service Officer requested permission to replace a part-time office employee who has resigned. The commissioners agreed to the request.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented a revised commitment letter for the replacement of Bridge 143 (1050 S over Grant Creek). The original letter (November 23, 2020) was amended and the construction estimate was reduced from \$1,700,000 to \$1,679,000. As a result, the total commitment from the county was reduced from \$436,000 to \$431,800.

Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker presented the jail report via Zoom. Wabash County Jail currently has 80 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 7 book-ins and 2 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 81. The total prisoner count is 144.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented Ordinance 2020-85-17 which replaces and repeals the current county storm ordinance. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-85-17. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to

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approve Ordinance 2020-85-17 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented an absentee board member contract that had not been submitted previously for signatures and approval. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. 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, December 7, 2020.

Also present: Josh Goodman (in-person); Rob Burgess, Sandy Beeks, and Ryan Baker (via Zoom).