

## December 7, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 7, 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 30, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

United Consulting representative Chris Andrzejewski gave a brief update on the Phase 2 Bridge inspection report. All county bridges are in full compliance. During the inspection United consultants also make notes of maintenance issues that need to be addressed by the highway department throughout the year. A list was also compiled for the top five bridges that are nearing their end-of-life cycle and will need to be replaced in the coming years.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent was present with nothing to report.

Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker presented the jail report via Zoom. Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates with 41 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Tipton County Jail, 14 in the Elkhart County Jail and 1 in Whitley County Jail. Last week there were 14 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 89. The total prisoner count is 145.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/7/2020.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 11/28/2020.

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

Eppley stated Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> was the first kickoff meeting for the EDA Heartland Career Center grant. During the meeting financial aspects of the grant were discussed.

James (Jeb) Derck requested clarification on a newspaper article he read and asked questions concerning the status of Bridge 144.

The meeting was held in recess until the advertised time for the annual highway department bids to be opened.

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to begin the bid opening process. Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

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Item #	Name	City
1	West Plains Mining	Wabash, IN
1	Kokomo Gravel	Kokomo, IN
3	IMI Irving Material	Huntington, IN
3	LaFontaine Gravel, Inc.	LaFontaine, IN
3	Kokomo Gravel	Kokomo, IN
4	Pierceton Trucking Co, Inc.	Warsaw, IN
4	Asphalt Materials	Indianapolis, IN
5	Pierceton Trucking Co, Inc.	Warsaw, IN
6	Phend & Brown	Milford, IN
6	Central Paving	Logansport, IN
7	E & B Paving	Fort Wayne, IN
7	Phend & Brown	Milford, IN
7 a & b	Gaunt & Son	Wabash, IN
8	Phend & Brown	Milford, IN
9	Unistrut Midwest	Indianapolis, IN
9	Osburn Associates Inc.	Logan, OH
9	Stello Products, Inc.	Spencer, IN
11	LaFontaine Gravel Inc.	LaFontaine, IN

Eppley made a motion to take the bids under advisement. 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 14, 2020.

*Also present: Chris Andrzejewski and Jay Ridens (in-person); Rob Burgess, Ryan Baker, Michael Johnston, Josh Goodman and Shelly Baucco (via Zoom).*

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