

December 21, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 21, 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 the Wabash County auditor's office.

The minutes of the December 14, 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.

Keith Gillenwater, Grow Wabash County CEO requested support to refurbish the conference room in the Grow Wabash County offices to be a Zoom technology room. The request for \$5,585.85 includes Zoom hardware/equipment, software license and professional installation. Gillenwater stated several outside organizations would also benefit from these improvements. Dawes questioned if any other organizations were assisting with the cost of the project. Gillenwater stated the Wabash County United Fund is expected to donate \$1,000, so the remaining cost could be \$4,585.85. Eppley made a motion to approve \$4,585.85 coming out of EDIT/Economic Development. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented an agreement with CivilCon for a small structure replacement on 600 E (#53 over Grant Creek) for \$8,700. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. 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 81 inmates with 36 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Tipton County Jail, 14 in the Elkhart County Jail and 1 in the Whitley County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population last week was 85. The total prisoner count is 136.

Baker stated the jail camera system needs to be updated. He has requested three quotes. To date he has received one quote. One company stated they are not interested and he hasn't heard back from the third company. The commissioners requested he obtain a written denial and reach out to the company that hasn't responded before presenting any quote.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented (via Zoom):

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1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/21/2020.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 12/12/2020.

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

Shepherd also presented minutes of the Joint Session meeting (commissioners and council) on November 23, 2020. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes. 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, January 4, 2020.

Also present: Lori Draper (in-person); Rob Burgess, Josh Goodman, and Carrie Colvin (via Zoom).