

## March 8, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 8, 2021. Commissioner Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

An Incarcerated Offenders Provider Agreement was presented. The contract is between the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration and Wabash County. It makes Medicaid available to cover eligible offenders who are incarcerated and helps coordinate benefits for offenders transitioning to civilian life. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented two right-of-way permits from NIPSCO to retire service for 9284 W 200 N and 11715 N 700 E. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permits. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Wabash County Sheriff's office reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 85 inmates, with 35 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Tipton County Jail and 16 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 12 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 88. The total inmate count was 131.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director stated a refrigerator in the health department has failed. It is not very old but has had numerous repairs. The health department has funds to purchase a new one but would like to go with a different type that may not have as many issues. The commissioners agreed for the department to proceed.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director had nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented three appointments to the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission. The terms are for one year and are retroactive to January 1, 2021. Hauptert made a motion to appoint: Tod Minnich, Barry Eppley and Marcie Shepherd. Eppley 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 will next meet on Monday, March 15, 2021.

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Also present: *In person*: Mike Miller and Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper. *Via Zoom*: Carrie Covin and Rob Burgess.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/Jeff D. Dawes  
Chairman

/s/ Barry J. Eppley  
Vice-Chairman

/s/Brian K. Hauptert

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor