

March 15, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 15, 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. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A road cut permit from Bolinger Ag for drainage at 1400 N, approximately 550' west of 100 W. Haupert made a motion to approve the road cut permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. An exception to Bridge #110 design (500 S over Treaty Creek). The crest needs a larger slope. Eppley made a motion to approve the design change. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff's Department reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 88 inmates, with 31 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 24 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 94. The total inmate count was 142.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 3/15/2021.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 3/6/2021.

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

Terry Burnworth with Pyramid Consulting stated he received three proposals of "not to exceed" for a financial advisor on the jail project. Proposals were received from:

1. London Witte Group - \$65,000
2. Bakertilly - \$65,000
3. Krohn & Associates - \$57,500

Haupert made a motion to approve Krohn & Associates pending review by the county attorney. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Burnworth also presented the RFPs (request for proposal) for an architect/engineer for the jail project. The following RFPs were submitted:

1. Elevatus, Fort Wayne
2. Keystone, Lafayette
3. K2M, Indianapolis
4. DLZ, Indianapolis
5. RQAW, Indianapolis
6. Securiture, Noblesville

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7. Shive-Hattery, South Bend

Hauptert made a motion to accept the RFPs. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The RFPs will now be submitted to a committee for scoring, interviews and BAFO (best and final offer).

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 22, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: Mike Miller, Doug Dukes, Kathy Stewart, Josh Goodman, Carrie Colvin, Dave Sholl, Steve Jones and Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper. *Via Zoom*: 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