

## March 22, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 22, 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 15, 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.

Eppley made a motion to approve a contract with Krohn & Associates to serve as financial advisor for the jail project; not to exceed \$57,500 (03/15/21). Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from United Telephone to bury a fiber cable at 800 S and SR 15. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wabash County Sheriff's Department reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 89 inmates, with 31 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Tipton County Jail and 15 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 18 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 91. The total inmate count was 133.

Baker stated Barry Grossman with Crossroads Bank was in attendance to present lease schedule #18 for the purchase of a Dodge Durango for \$33,703. The interest rate is 2.35% for a 3-year lease to be paid in semi-annual installments. Eppley made a motion to approve the lease. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

Bids were received for a small structure replacement on 600 E over an unnamed tributary of Grant Creek. Haupert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received and opened.

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| 1. Bercot Inc., Fort Wayne, IN       | \$226,109 |
| 2. Brainard Snow Removal, Wabash, IN | \$166,860 |
| 3. Pioneer Associates, Albion, IN    | \$218,575 |
| 4. T-E Incorporated, Fort Wayne, IN  | \$197,177 |

Haupert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The following items were reviewed:

1. IDEM Notice: Laketon Refining Corporation - initial permit - approval-registration

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2. INDOT: Comments requested of environmental effects if desired for a small structure project (SR 124 over Mill Creek)
3. Grow Wabash County - honor society luncheon

Dan Watson, with Beam Longest and Neff introduced himself to the commissioners and stated a desire for his company to bid on county projects in the future.

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 29, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: Mike Miller, Doug Dukes, Jeff Brill, Jeryl Swing and Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess and Carrie Colvin.

**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