

March 29, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 29, 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 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Stephens with RLS, Inc. presented a contract to perform work for the Arc Light Business Park which will include site, road, utility design and stormwater pollution prevention plan & permitting; INDOT design, site design & permitting. Stephens will work with the city engineer and GROW Wabash County. The expenses are: Phase 1 - \$5,900 and Phase 2 - \$27,700. The total cost of \$33,600 will be paid from Public Safety. Haupert made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Contract status inquiry from Ohio Farmers Insurance for Bridge 155.
2. Utility permit request from Frontier Communications to move utilities to overhead lines on 550 W, south of Elliott Road. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A contract with T-E Incorporated for the replacement of Township Bridge 53 on 600 E over an unnamed Tributary of Grant Creek. T-E Incorporated was the lowest bidder for the Community Crossings 2020-2 grant project (March 22, 2021). Eppley made a motion to approve the bid from T-E Incorporated and sign the contract for \$197,177. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates, with 25 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 26 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 88. The total inmate count was 132.

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

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director reported the old portion of the Judicial Center (known as Memorial Hall) needs some significant exterior repairs. He has received a quote and presented it to the commissioners so they may review it.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 03/20/2021. Haupert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation Officer requested permission for the probation department to apply for the following grants as they have each of the last four years. The problem-solving court grants include: Drug Court, Re-entry Court and Family Recovery Court. The total funding which may be received would be approximately \$140,000. Hauptert made a motion to approve Lochner to apply for the grants. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns of which the commissioners should be aware. No concerns were presented.

Also, present: *In person*: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Mike Miller, 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