

April 5, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 5, 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 29, 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.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented a road cut permit from NIPSCO to retire service at 9284 N 200 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported he would e-mail the jail report later in the day.

Guenin also requested permission to apply for the 2022 Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) grant in the amount of \$21,000. This is a reimbursable grant. Eppley made a motion to approve the grant application. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director requested approval to apply for the Homeland Security Grant. He said the grant is approximately \$34,000 would be used to replace the communications console in the EMA office. The current one is old and replacement parts are very difficult to locate. This is a reimbursable grant. Hauptert made a motion to approve the grant application. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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 the accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 04/05/2021. Eppley made a motion to approve. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The following statement was read and approved by the commissioners regarding an extension of the current policy for wearing masks in all county buildings.

Although Governor Holcomb has changed the current mask mandate to a mask advisory effective April 6, Wabash County Government will continue to follow the mandatory face covering requirement which remains in place for all state buildings and vaccination and COVID-19 testing sites. The current mask wearing requirements for county employees and visitors in all county buildings are expected to remain in place through at least May 10.

Also, present: *In person:* Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Mike Miller, and Doug Dukes. *Via Zoom:* Rob Burgess.

March 29, 2021

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman

/s/ Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Brian K. Haupert

Attest: /s/ Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor