

**April 19, 2021**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 19, 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 April 12, 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.

Ken Brown, Wabash County Coroner presented a request for an exhaust system to be installed in the coroner's building. Brown contacted four companies seeking estimates, three from Wabash and one from Miami County. The best estimate was from MC Contracting for \$2,450, which plans to vent the exhaust out through the roof. Hauptert made a motion to approve the MC Contracting bid for \$2,450 with a completion date of no later than 60 days. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert made a motion to approve the Bose McKinney & Evans LLP contract for bond services (April 12, 2021) not to exceed \$40,000. If the issuance of a bond anticipation note becomes necessary, they would charge an additional \$5,000 for a total not to exceed \$45,000. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent requested approval of a task order with United Consulting for Old State Road 15 bank stabilization along Treaty Creek. The cost will be \$35,800. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 74 inmates, with 21 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 13 in the Tipton County Jail and 13 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 16 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 74. The total inmate count was 121.

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:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 04/19/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. LIT Distribution for January 2021 thru April 2021 for approval. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes shared an IDEM notice regarding approval of an administrative nature regarding Thermafiber Inc., Wabash.

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Also present: *In-person*: First Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Clerk of Courts Lori Draper and Mike Miller. *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