

May 3, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 3, 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 26, 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, stated he received:

1. Notification of a grant award from Community Crossings for \$863,913.53. The funds will be used to improve road segments on North Meridian Road, 1100 N and S Old SR 15.
2. Task order for preliminary evaluation on SR 16 with United Consulting. INDOT is requesting the county assume ownership of SR 16 from SR 13 east to the Huntington County line.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 76 inmates, with 17 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 13 in the Tipton County Jail and 12 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 79. The total inmate count was 120.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney Representative, presented the draft of a petition to vacate parts of 50 E and 1050 S, including Bridge 144. A public hearing will be held in the courthouse on June 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Eppley made a motion to approve the hearing date and time. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 05/03/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. On behalf of Living Well in Wabash County, CoA, Inc. the 1st quarter reimbursement claim for the 5311 Transit grant for \$124,342.00. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claim. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley will review the reports in the near future.

Eppley stated, "after considering testimonies given during a hearing last week to vacate an alley in the Town of Lincolnville, there is no reason not to vacate the alley." Eppley made a motion to approve the vacate of the alley, as requested, in the Town of Lincolnville. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve the

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vacate of the alley in the Town of Lincolnville on second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Adams, who retired as county highway supervisor on April 30th, was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation from the commissioners for his 10 plus years of dedication and service to Wabash County.

IDEM Notice: Comments on environmental issues for a bridge on SR 114 (Main St.) in North Manchester.

With no other public comment or business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Also present: *In-person*: 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