

**May 10, 2021**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 10, 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 May 3, 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.

Terry Burnworth of Pyramid Consulting, as owner's rep, reported on contract negotiations with RQAW. The final contract with RQAW for the jail project had the proposed fee of \$900,000. It includes a model with anticipated completion of construction documents in six (6) months or less. Hauptert made a motion to enter into the contract with RQAW. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, was present with nothing to report.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates, with 19 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 13 in the Tipton County Jail and 11 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 27 book-ins. A number was not available for transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total inmate count was 130.

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:

1. Presented a request to use the Roann Covered Bridge for an event on 08/07/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve use of the Bridge. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reminded the commissioners they wanted to review their previous mandate to wear a face covering in county buildings through May 10, 2021. Hauptert made a motion to change the mandate to a recommendation effective May 11, 2021. He said although the wearing of some type of face covering will no longer be required, it is still recommended, especially where no barrier is present or if a distance of six feet cannot be maintained between individuals. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Notified the commissioners that due to a sewer problem at the courthouse, the building's restrooms will be out-of-service until later in the day.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 05/01/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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2. LIT Distribution for May 2021 in the amount of \$1,176,641.58. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Semi-annual payment of Fines & Forfeitures to the state in the amount of \$1,364.50. Eppley made a motion to approve. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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, May 17, 2021.

Also present: *In-person*: First Deputy Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Clerk of Courts Lori Draper, Josh Goodman 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