

May 17, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 17, 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 10, 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.

Geoff Schortgen, CED Purdue Extension Educator, gave an updated report on the Purdue Extension Office.

1. The outreach is growing now that they are getting back into the schools. Schortgen provided a copy of the 2020 Impact Report and the May 2021 Newsletter AG Connections sent out.
2. Purdue Extension's work with Heartland Career Center Precision Ag Team has given them statewide recognition for their UAV programs.
3. Purdue Fast Start is an early money-saver program which helps students take the first steps toward earning a Purdue degree.
4. The Wabash County Fair will be held in-person and the animals will stay on site. Fair Week is July 16 to July 24, 2021. The numbers are looking good.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc, presented Resolution 2021-85-08 authorizing for the filing of a CY2022 grant under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended. Hauptert made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-08. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ferry also presented for signatures;

1. Applicant's certification of use of project equipment, facilities and property.
2. Local financial assurances.
3. Federal fiscal year 2021 certifications and assurances for FTA assistance programs.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund 2021-1, Grant Agreement Contract #0052574; DES 2100531. Eppley made a motion to approve the grant agreement for the amount of \$863,913.53. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A right of way permit from Comcast to perform work along 200 S east of 800 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. District Realignment Report USACE-Easement No. DACW27-2-05-012.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 86 inmates, with 19 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 12 in the Tipton County Jail and 9 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 29

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book-ins. The number was not available for transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total inmate count was 132.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, reported the county has a new broker of record for dealing with Boston Mutual and asked that a designation letter be signed by a commissioner.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 05/17/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Ordinance 2021-85-03 establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Recovery Grant Fund. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-03. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-03 on the second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Resolution 2021-85-04; Regarding approval of Issuance of Wabash County Local Income Tax Revenue Bonds and, if necessary, Bond Anticipation Notes. Hauptert made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-04. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Resolution 2021-85-05 Relating to the financing of a Sheriff's Office and Jail Facility Project and approving a form of taxpayer petition in connection therewith. Hauptert made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-05. Eppley 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 24, 2021.

Also present: *In-person*: First Deputy Shelly Baucco, James Derck; *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Jarrod Hall, and Otto "Buzz" Krohn, Executive Partner with Krohn & Associates.

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