

May 24, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 24, 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. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wanda Frehse, presented a request to vacate a 10-foot-wide alley in the original plat of the Town of Urbana. Having received no complaints from the other property owners, Haupert made a motion to approve General Ordinance No. 2021-85-05 vacating the alley. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-05 on the second reading. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cynthia Johnson and Gary Montel of the Learn More Center Wabash & North Manchester presented an outline of the services provided by Learn More Center. They are seeking support for HSE testing to be able to test at least twice a month in Wabash and support those who require individual testing. The testing will help those trying to get a new job or get their HSE while working.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Road Cut Permit for Eads & Son Bulldozing, Inc. to replace a culvert. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Annual Operating Report for LTAP. Haupert made a motion to report. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Marcie Shepherd gave the Wabash County Jail report. They currently have 84 inmates, with 21 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 20 in the Tipton County Jail and 9 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 28 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 90. The total inmate count was 135.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, covered the following:

1. Resolution 2021-85-09 accepting the transfer of title to lots 1,2,3 and part of lot 4 in the Arc Light Business Park to the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana. Haupert made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-09. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Downs said the Redevelopment Commission would meet later today approve a similar Resolution and sign the deed.

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2. Reminder of the June 1 executive meeting at 10am with Jim Stevenson, the representative on the jail lawsuit.
3. Asked if they would like him to review a resolution to continue with the Zoom meetings.
4. Reported Commonwealth Engineers would like to meet with the commissioners with a proposal about the Northcliff sewer problem. They would like to fund the \$30,000 with the ARP funds to be received.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the Payroll Claims and Allowances for pay period ending 05/15/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve; Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes asked if there were any ADA and Title IV concerns; none were heard.

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 Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho; *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess of The Wabash Plain Dealer.

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