

## June 14, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 14, 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 June 7, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion. It passed by a 2-0 vote; with Hauptert abstaining.

Dawes opened the meeting with a statement that the public hearing on vacating parts of 50 E and 1050 S including Bridge 144 would not be held today due to an advertising error. He apologized for any inconvenience and said the estimated date for rescheduling the hearing is July 12, 2021. New notices will be published and mailed as required.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court, requested security upgrades on behalf of the judges. Stroup reported the current alert system for the judicial center and courthouse is outdated and can no longer be expanded or repaired. The WAVE Plus System proposal from Secure Tech is \$15,860, which was the lowest quote. Due to a trial scheduled in September, they would like to move forward with installing the updated system. Hauptert made a motion to approve the WAVE Plus System for \$15,860 pending determination of a funding source. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jeff Patton, President/CEO Arc of Wabash County, presented an outline of the programs and services provided by Arc including transportation, pre-vocational training workshop, light assembly, paper shredding, cardboard collection, and binding. Arc also helps with permanent independent residential living. Patton said Arc is appreciative and grateful for the past funding from Wabash County and would like to request \$71,662 for 2022. This is the same amount requested for both 2020 and 2021.

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

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, currently has 86 inmates, with 30 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 22 book-ins and 13 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 88. The total inmate count was 151.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the 2021 Operating Levy in the amount of \$1,560,187.51. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Gordon Miller requested information as to who is in charge of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Eppley took his contact information and will let him know who to contact. Miller also inquired if the Huntington Street Bridge is going to have new decking and when will it be inspected. Wyatt informed him all county bridges are inspected every two years.

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, June 21, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Baucco, Regina Hiple, Terry Hiple, James Derck, Summer Derck, Linda Jervis, Don Jervis, Ethel Erb, Jerry LaShare, Theresa LaShare, Dennis Daugherty, Janet Pattee, Jim Sorrell, Robin Derck, Kevin Bowman, Jack Wiley, David Milliner, Dennis K Schaaf, Jay Gillespie, Lora Brane, Meghan Doyle, Marlin Pattee, Dan Dale, Deb Dale and Rod Harvey; *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess

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**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