

August 9, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 9, 2021. Commissioner Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with two commissioners present: Dawes and Barry J. Eppley. Brian K. Hauptert was absent. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the August 2, 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.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented the following:

1. A request to apply for a USDA grant for a boom mower. The request was approved.
2. A request from MSD of Wabash County to place stone on a driveway at 616 E 350 S for a school bus turnaround. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
3. A request for a right-of-way permit from Frontier Communications to allow them to bore under the road and install 120' of wire. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported:

1. The jail currently has 84 inmates, with 25 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 17 in the Tipton County Jail and 4 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 85. The total inmate count was 131.
2. Requested permission to trade-in three Dodge Chargers to Copsgear in Columbia City to help offset the purchase of new equipment. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, reported the county's anti-virus computer software coverage on 145 users, will expire on August 23rd. The total cost of a new three-year contract is \$2,689.75. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the August LIT Distribution in the amount of \$1,176,641.58. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, presented an update on the grant application request (8/2/21) to help with the purchase of body-worn cameras. Baker stated he put a \$40,000 request in the 2022 budget to help cover the cost of the cameras but has since found a grant with the Small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera Program. Baker stated the grant would cover \$23,989.80 of the estimated cost, leaving the county with an expense of approximately \$16,693.80. He will soon have more information regarding this grant.

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Rita Smith and James Derck requested updated information on Bridge #144. Dawes reported the commissioners are still reviewing information and possible funding sources concerning the vacation of parts of county roads 50 E and 1050 S. After speaking with Indiana State Senator Andy Zay's office and Commonwealth Engineering (referred by Mr. Derck) they have still not found any additional funding sources.

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, August 16, 2021.

The commissioners received two review items:

IDEM Notice of Decision: approved Modification at an existing source – Thermafiber Inc.
IDEM Notice: Office of Water Quality – Sanitary Sewer Construction permit application – Kentner Creek

Also present: *In-person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho and Linda Jarvis; *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess and Josh Goodmon.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman

/s/Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor