

August 23, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 23, 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 August 16, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Terry Burnworth, Pyramid Consulting and Owner's Rep. requested approval for bid phase 1 sitework for the new county jail. Eppley made a motion to approve the phase 1 bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval for a task order with United Consulting for reconstruction plans on 100 S from U.S. 24 to Beachamp Drive. Hauptert made a motion to approve the task order for \$317,510. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 86 inmates, with 20 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 22 in the Tipton County Jail and 3 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 23 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. Peak population was 90. Total inmate count was 133.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented an appointment of appraisers that would appoint Kristi D. Lundquist and Matthew A. Griffin to appraise the fair market value of the ARC Business Park. Eppley made a motion to approve appointment of appraisers for a cost of \$3,000. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Downs also stated the replat of the ARC Business Park will be on the Wabash City Plan Commission agenda at 6:30 p.m. on September 1, 2021 at Wabash City Hall.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the Riverboat Wagering Tax Revenue Sharing Distribution in the amount of \$130,095.41. Hauptert made a motion to approve distribution to the taxing units. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Old Business: Dawes reported on two updates regarding Bridge 144 on 1050 S.

1. In response to a previous request from Ms. Smith, regarding where the funds received were spent, he found we have not received any funds for Bridge 144. A request was submitted to FEMA for reimbursement of the \$7,500 paid to clear a log jam in May 2020. The last update was that due to COVID, it could take a long time or we may never receive this reimbursement.
2. He also provided an update from Wayne Bailey with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. who e-mailed to express regret he has been unable to find any grant funding to assist with Bridge 144.

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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 30, 2021.

Also present: *In-person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Steve Jones and Jodi Coblentz. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess and Josh Goodman.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman

/s/Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman

/s/Brian K. Haupert

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor