

September 13, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 13, 2021. Commissioner Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes and Barry J. Eppley present. Brian K. Haupert did not attend. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco. The minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Terry Burnworth, owner's rep for the county jail construction project, asked the commissioners to consider a request for additional compensation. Burnworth explained that due to the fast-track method now being used, he feels additional responsibilities will be required of him. Eppley made a motion to take the request under advisement. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Jeff Lawson, County Highway Supervisor, presented an interlocal participation agreement with Buy Board National Purchasing Cooperative. The agreement is to facilitate compliance with state procurement requirements by helping identify qualified vendors for goods and services. Eppley made a motion to approve the Buy Board interlocal participation agreement. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, currently has 94 inmates, with 14 additional housed in the Miami County Jail, 18 in the Tipton County Jail and 3 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 25 book-ins and 4 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 99. The total inmate count was 133.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented an ordinance extending the moratorium on the issuance of permits for commercial solar energy systems. The new ordinance would expire on December 31, 2021. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-12. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-12 on the second reading. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, was present with nothing to report.

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Deputy Auditor, presented:

1. Payroll claims & allowances for pay period ending September 4, 2021. Eppley made a motion to approve payroll claims & allowances. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Vehicle title for Living Well in Wabash County. Their 2010 Cutaway E450 Super D is ready for disposal. Eppley made a motion to release the title. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

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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, September 20, 2021.

Also present: *In-person*: Deputy Auditor Kandy Barker and Amanda Lawrence. *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. Haupt

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor