

October 18, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 18, 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 October 12, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Clerk of Courts, spoke about redistricting. It was concluded it will not be necessary.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, requested a cost overrun payment to T-E Incorporated for CCMG DES 2002924 Township Bridge #53. Eppley made a motion to approve the payment of \$12,374.61. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 97 inmates, with 24 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 26 in the Tipton County Jail and 4 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 96 and total inmate count was 154.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative, was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 10/18/2021. Haupert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Fines & forfeitures distribution for November 2021 in the amount of \$3,117.72. Haupert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

Bids were received and opened for the Sheriff's Office and Jail Project - Phase 2 Foundations. Haupert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The only bid received was from Kettelhut Construction, Inc., Lafayette, IN for the amount of \$2,342,806; with an Alt #1 of \$8,500. Haupert made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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At the advertised time of 9:30 a.m. bids for the 2023-2026 cyclical reassessment were opened. Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Only one bid was received from Accurate Assessments Inc., Fort Wayne, IN for a 4-year contract of \$550,000, payable at \$137,500 per phase. Eppley made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dan Griffith of Roann expressed concerns about the Roann Town Marshall. He feels he is being harassed. The commissioners expressed concern, but stated this is a civil matter over which they have no jurisdiction. They suggested he contact an attorney.

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, October 25, 2021.

Also present: *In-person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Ann Amato, Todd Durvil, Grant Durvil, William Schultz, Steve Jones and Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess and Melanie Penn

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