

October 25, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 25, 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 October 18, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Trisha Hanes, Interim Chief Probation Officer, requested new flooring for the probation department. Two quotes had been received to install planking in the main area and carpet in the office areas. The low quote of \$14,249.39 from Brouwer Carpet did not include moving furniture, which would add a cost of \$600, but is still lower than the other estimate. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote and include the cost to move furniture for a total of \$14,849.39, pending determination of the funding source. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sarah Lochner, on behalf of Waypoint, requested the county commit \$50,000 from the ARPA Funds to match the City of Wabash's \$50,000 commitment. Waypoint is a transitional living center for women. Under a partnership with Indiana Landmarks, Inc. they are rehabbing a house at 189 N. Wabash Street, which will accommodate 11 women and a house manager. The funds will help finish renovation work and support the first year of service. The request was taken under advisement and will be decided when the county's ARPA plan is completed.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County, COA, presented the 3rd quarter claims for the 5311 Grant. The claim will be paid from the last of the CARES Funds for the amount of \$106,774. Eppley made a motion to approve the claim. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented the following:

1. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. for the rehabilitation of Bridge #909, (America Road over Treaty Creek). The agreement from September 23, 2019 will be modified by this supplemental to increase the compensation by \$66,880. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Contract Status Inquiry from Ohio Farmers Insurance regarding the Community Crossings Grant for Old SR 24.
3. Metropolitan School District of Wabash County requested stone be installed at a school bus turn-around at 2775 E 1100 S. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. The highway department will be inviting annual bids to be submitted for supplies and materials to be used during 2022. Bids must be received in the auditor's office on or before 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021. Bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on that date by the Board of Commissioners. Hauptert made a motion to approve the date and time to receive and open bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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5. United Consulting Task Order No. 7 to review existing plans for Old US 24/ Lagro Road from the east Wabash city limit to the west Lagro town limit, if available from INDOT. The cost of the order is \$19,915. Hauptert made a motion to approve the task order to come from the EDIT funds. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. USI Consultants, Inc. Agreement for Wabash County Small Structure Inspections (2021) for a not-to-exceed fee of \$70,400. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 95 inmates, with 23 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 26 in the Tipton County Jail and 3 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 22 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 97 and total inmate count was 148. Keith Walters, County EMA Director, requested the commissioners approve the appointment of Carl Hall to replace Mary Brane on the Wabash County Board of Health. Hall meets the requirements of the position. Walters also requested the reappointment of Joe Richter, Nick Hentgen and Dr. David Roe for an additional term to begin January 1, 2022 and expire on December 31, 2025. Hauptert made a motion to approve all requested appointments. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported he had reviewed the builder's risk insurance policy for the Sheriff's Office and Jail Project. Downs asked if more than one quote was received. Terry Burnworth, owner's rep for the project said two quotes were received: one from Travelers and one from Chubb. The Chubb quote was the lowest and would start November 1, 2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Chubb quote. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 10/16/2021. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Ordinance 2021-85-19 Fixed Asset Policy will set the amount of \$5,000 to be used to depreciate an asset. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-19 on the second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Shepherd stated that the 2021 county inventory has started and will be completed by the end of the year.

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Terry Burnworth, owner's representative for the new jail project, reported the bid for Phase 2 foundations met the specs (October 18, 2021). Burnworth stated he has worked with this company in the past and they are good. Hauptert made a motion to approve the bid received from Kettlehut Construction, Inc, Lafayette, IN for \$2,342,806 with Alt #1 of \$8,500. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Review Items: IDEM Notice; Public Comment – Significant Source Modification – Ford Meter Box.

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, November 1, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho and Amanda Lawrence. *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