

November 1, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 1, 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 25, 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.

Trisha Hanes, Interim Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to apply for the following grants:

1. IOCS – Family Recovery Court Grant FY2022. This grant supports the program by providing funds for the PSC Coordinator Stipend and Recovery Coach payroll and benefits. The grant also covers public defender contract, incentives and training.
2. IOCS – Pretrial Services Grant FY2022. This grant supports pretrial services by providing for training for pretrial team members and public defender contracts.

Hauptert made a motion to approve Hanes to apply for the grants. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, was present with nothing to report.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 92 inmates, with 22 additional being housed in the Miami County jail, 26 in the Tipton County jail and 2 in the Elkhart County jail. Last week there were 11 book-ins and 4 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 95. Total inmate count was 145.

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 11/01/2021. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. 2023-2026 Cyclical Reassessment Contract received on October 18, 2021. Shepherd stated Wabash County Assessor Kelly Schenkel contacted Parke County because they have about the same number of parcels. Their contract amount is \$678,900. Haupert made a motion to sign the four-year contract with Accurate Assessments Inc. of Fort Wayne, IN for \$550,000 payable at \$137,500 per phase. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Dawes reported receiving the contract from Kettlehut Construction, Inc., Lafayette, IN for Phase 2 foundation work at the new jail. Haupert made a motion to approve the contract pending legal review, for the amount of \$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 heard.

Superior Court Judge Benjamin Vanderpool presented concerns about the cleaning and maintenance of the judicial center. He stated the carpets need to be cleaned and a regular cleaning and repair schedule needs to be set. Christa Stroup requested that each office be given a supply of extra paper products so they will not run out of supplies. The commissioners requested quotes be obtained to clean the carpets in both the courthouse and judicial center. Eppley made a motion to approve payment for carpet cleaning that was done recently in the Circuit Court offices for the amount of \$334.75. He added, however, that in the future quotes need to be submitted prior to the work being completed. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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 8, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Clerk of Courts Lori Draper and Beth Johnson. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Kandy Barker and Melanie Penn.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/S/Jeff D. Dawes
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/S/Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman

/S/Brian K. Haupert

Attest: /S/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor