

November 8, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 8, 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 November 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension Director, presented the 2022 Purdue Extension Contract. The contract with Purdue University of West Lafayette will provide financial support for county extension services, including three educators. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract subject to county attorney review. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. LPA – Consultant Contract with USI for the 2022-2025 Countywide Bridge Inspections for a total of \$376,358. INDOT reviews the contracts. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund 2021-22 has been awarded to Wabash County in the amount of \$389,327.88. The grant will be for Bridge #909 (America Road over Treaty Creek). INDOT has made the transition to DocuSign and the current authorized signer is Jeff Dawes. Eppley made a motion for Dawes to sign the contract and agreements. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 90 inmates, with 23 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 31 in the Tipton County Jail and 1 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 33 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 92 and total inmate count was 146.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented:

1. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-85-03. Downs said the original ordinance has some typographical errors and this corrects them. Hauptert made a motion to approve amending Ordinance 2021-85-03. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve amending Ordinance 2021-85-03 on the second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Kettlehut contract for the new county jail has been reviewed. We are waiting to receive Exhibit A showing the bond and insurance certificate from Terry Burnworth to be able to approve.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, gave a reminder that there will be a Veterans Day ceremony at the courthouse at noon on November 11, 2021. State Senator Andy Zay is among the individuals expected to participate. He also stated the Jingle Jubilee will be held on November 19, 2021 in downtown Wabash, which will include the lighting of the courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 10/30/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. LIT Distribution for November 2021 in the amount of \$1,176,641.58 for approval. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Old Business: Shepherd provided funding sources for the commissioners to use for the new carpet approved for the probation department (October 25, 2021). Eppley suggested using the Cum Cap Development Fund - capital purchases. Hauptert and Dawes agreed.

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

Review Item: IDEM Notice regarding the Wabash Valley Landfill notice of decision: permit renewal was approved.

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 15, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Baucco, Lori Draper and Wabash County Clerk of Courts. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Don Jervis, Kandy Barker 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