

**November 15, 2021**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 15, 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 8, 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.

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

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 90 inmates, with 21 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 19 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 92. The total inmate count was 143.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 11/15/2021. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Terry Burnworth presented the following:

1. Requested permission to advertise for Phase 3 of the bidding process for building of the Sheriff's Office and Jail Project. Bidding documents will be available at the job site office after 2:00 p.m. (local time), Wednesday, November 17, 2021. There are two (2) scheduled pre-bid meetings at the job site office at 1301 Manchester Ave., Wabash, IN 46992. Pre-bid #1: 2:00 p.m. (local time), Monday, November 29, 2021. Pre-bid #2: 2:00 p.m. (local time), Monday, December 6, 2021. Bids shall be sent or delivered in person to the Wabash County Auditor's Office by 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 20, 2021. Bids will be opened and publicly read at 9:30 a.m. Hauptert made a motion to advertise Phase 3 of the Sheriff's Office and Jail Project. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Change order request #1 for Star Excavating in the amount of \$2,798. Poor soil, bricks and other debris were discovered while stripping topsoil at the former Wabash County Home site. The change order was a request for the equipment, material and labor required to perform the work. Hauptert made a

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motion to approve change order #1 for \$2,798. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. Change order request #2 for Star Excavating in the amount of \$4,825 for an undercut 12", covered with BX 1300 Geo-Grid and replaced with 12" of #2 limestone due to a proof roll on November 4, 2021. Eppley made a motion to approve change order #2 for \$4,825. Hauptert 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 22, 2021.

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