

December 13, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 13, 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 December 6, 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.

A public hearing was held for vacating a portion of an alley in the Town of Urbana. Mike Howard, Area Plan Director, presented for Troy & Lora Wardwell. The portion to be vacated is a 10-foot-wide alley located north of Lots 10 & 11 in the Original Plat of the Town of Urbana. If vacated, the Wardwells would receive the entire portion of the alley because the north side of the alley is not in the platted subdivision of the Original Plat. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-23: An ordinance vacating a portion of an alley in Urbana. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Gillenwater, Grow Wabash County CEO, presented a resolution to approve the offer to purchase of 39.69 acres in the ARC Light Business Park. Gillenwater said the bid received met all the criteria and was for more than the asking price. Eppley made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-20 allowing the sale of the ARC Light Business Park by the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$800,000. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs reported that Midwest Poultry Services, LP would like to vacate the plat for the ARC Light Business Park. MPS and Wabash County Redevelopment Commission will be going to the Wabash City Plan Commission in January to request the change. Eppley made a motion to approve the vacation of the ARC Light Business Park plat. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented via Zoom:

1. Road cut permit for McCain Brothers Excavating LLC to install field tile across 700 W near 6116-6500 S. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. LPA Consulting contract with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. for Bridge No. 143 carrying 1050 S over Grant Creek Des. No.: 2003065. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract for \$215,854. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Right of way permit application from Frontier Communication to restore service to 511 S 475 W. Eppley made a motion to approve the application. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 85 inmates, with 18 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, and 28 in the Tipton

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County Jail. Last week there were 15 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 87. The total inmate count was 132.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented a contract with Intersect Technologies to establish a two-factor authentication requirement for system administrators and outside vendors who may need access to the computer network. This protection is required by the end of the year in order to renew our cyber insurance. The contract has a one-time setup fee of \$1,200 and a license fee of \$534.40, which covers 10 users for three years (\$53.14 per user). Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. LIT Operating Levy distribution in the amount of \$1,560,187.50. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Funds transfer for drain loan from General Drain 1158 to fund 2600 and 2700 in the amount of \$21,562.04. Hauptert made a motion to approve the drain loan. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Funds transfer for drain loan repayment from fund 2600 and 2700 to General Drain fund 1158 in the amount of \$66,070.98. Eppley made a motion to approve the repayment. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Letter requesting a draw on the Jail BAN in the amount of \$700,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the draw. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Resolution 2021-85-21 for the appointment of Michael Beauchamp to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Keith Poole and Jen Rankin to serve as alternates. It was noted that our current representatives have attended 100% of the meetings. Eppley made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85-21. 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.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Clerk of Courts, presented the order establishing precincts that are subject to the approval of Indiana Election Division. Eppley made a motion to approve the order establishing precincts. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting was held in recess until the advertised time for the annual highway department bids to be opened.

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At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to begin the bid opening process. Hauptert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

Item #	Name	City
1	IMI Irving Materials, Inc.	Huntington, IN
1	West Plains Mining	Wabash, IN
2	Speedway Sand & Gravel	Fort Wayne, IN
3	Speedway Sand & Gravel	Fort Wayne, IN
4	Asphalt Materials, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN
4	Pierceton Trucking Co.	Warsaw, IN
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6	Central Paving, Inc.	Logansport, IN
6	Phend & Brown, Inc.	Milford, IN
7	Phend & Brown, Inc.	Milford, IN
7	Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc.	Wabash, IN
8	Phend & Brown, Inc.	Milford, IN
9	Unistrut Midwest	Cincinnati, OH
9	Osburn Associates	Logan, OH

Hauptert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Eppley 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, December 20, 2021.

Also present *in person*: Chief Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Interim Chief Probation Officer Trisha Hanes, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin, Dan Krouse, Robert Krouse, Shawn Peterson, Tinisha Weight, Dave Nicol, Sam Knyll, Colin Nicol and Tenille Zartman. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, 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