

December 20, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 20, 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 13, 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.

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court Reporter requested permission to apply for the 2022 Court Interpreter Grant thru the Indiana Supreme Court. The court has two jury trials for which the defendants will require interpreting services. The grant request is for \$25,000. Stroup said the grant is reimbursable and they have been using the funds left from the 2019 grant. Hauptert made a motion to approve the grant to be sent to Council for approval. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension Director, reported the 2022 Purdue Extension Contract (Nov. 8, 2021) has been reviewed by the county attorney and is ready to be submitted to Purdue. Schortgen stated that if the commissioners have any questions about the various programs provided, he would be happy to answer them.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a request from MSD of Wabash to put stone in a driveway at 3220 E 400 S. Hauptert made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 85 inmates, with 17 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, and 29 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total inmate count was 130.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney:

1. Asked if the commissioners would like a RFQ (request for qualifications) sent out concerning a possible sewer district for Urbana, Northcliff and Speicherville. The commissioners agreed that sending out an RFQ would be appropriate.
2. Presented a Declaration of Partial Vacation of the ARC Light Business Park Plat. This vacation would not change any of the covenants to the plat. Eppley made a motion to approve the declaration. Hauptert 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:

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1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 12/11/2021. Haupert made a motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. December Settlement for \$12,687,075.14 to all taxing units. Haupert made a motion to approve the settlement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Old Business: The commissioners requested an additional appropriation for \$50,000 to support Waypoint Woman's Center (Nov. 22, 2021). During the December 13, 2021 Council meeting, the Council voted to table the appropriation until the ARP plan is completed. Eppley made a motion for the \$50,000 to come out of the EDIT funds. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Review Items: Ford Meter Box – office of air quality - modification at an existing source.

The meeting was held in recess until 2 p.m. for the new Sheriff Office and Jail Phase 3 bid opening.

At the advertised time, Dawes called the meeting back to order for the opening of the bids. Haupert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

Trade Package #9 – General

- Alt # 1 Steel cells in lieu of cmu cells
- Alt # 2 East cell block build out with cmu cells
- Alt # 3 East cell block build out with steel cells
- Alt # 4 Courtroom area build out

Gibson-Lewis LLC, Mishawaka

Base Bid \$21,115,000
Alt # 1 2,368,000
Alt # 2 666,000
Alt # 3 1,152,000
Alt # 4 170,000

Kettelhut Construction, Lafayette

Base Bid \$17,124,000
Alt # 1 1,656,000
Alt # 2 749,000
Alt # 3 1,021,000
Alt # 4 125,000

Trade Package # 23 – Mechanical & Plumbing (same alternates as above)

Quality Plumbing & Heating, Kokomo

Base Bid \$6,433,000
Alt # 1 -268,000
Alt # 2 147,000
Alt # 3 127,000
Alt # 4 64,000

Shambaugh & Son, Fort Wayne

Base Bid \$7,005,195
Alt # 1 -427,145
Alt # 2 335,779
Alt # 3 217,610
Alt # 4 49,458

Project Design Piping, Fort Wayne

Base Bid \$ 7,617,900
Alt # 1 -460,000
Alt # 2 375,940
Alt # 3 254,270
Alt # 4 71,280

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Trade Package # 26 – Electrical (same alternates as above)

D&D Electric, Etna Green	Rex Collins Electric, Inc., Marion
Base Bid \$ 3,750,642	Base Bid \$ 4,620,000
Alt # 1 -53,380	Alt # 1 -53,720
Alt # 2 104,971	Alt # 2 130,000
Alt # 3 -21,800	Alt # 3 113,000
Alt # 4 52,686	Alt # 4 46,725
Electric Plus, Inc., Avon	Huston Electric, Kokomo
Base Bid \$ 4,770,700	Base Bid \$ 5,381,100
Alt # 1 -60,500	Alt # 1 -65,300
Alt # 2 129,800	Alt # 2 142,900
Alt # 3 108,700	Alt # 3 -19,000
Alt # 4 59,700	Alt # 4 60,800

With no other bids received, Eppley made a motion to take the bids under advisement. 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, December 27, 2021.

Also present prior to the recess: *In person*: Chief Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Interim Chief Probation Officer Trisha Hanes and Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Don Jarvis, 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