

February 21, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 21, 2022. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes and Brian K. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Edmond C O'Neil III, President/CEO of Northeast Indiana Works, presented the Regional Elected Officials' Agreement Local Area – Region 3. O'Neil stated the contract is the same as the current contract but will run for five years instead of three (April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2027). Haupert made a motion to sign the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented Ordinance 2022-85-02 Establishing a Local Fund to hold proceeds from the sale of the Arc Light Business Park. The fund is subject to appropriation by the Wabash County Council for use by the Wabash County Development Commission for development of the park and/or to support additional economic development projects. Haupert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-85-02. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Haupert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Haupert made a motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 2022-85-02. Dawes 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, stated that the jail currently has 87 inmates, with 26 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 13 in the Fulton County Jail and 30 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 11 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 83. The total inmate count was 158.

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:

1. Presented accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 2/21/2022. Haupert made a motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested clarification on the county's mileage reimbursement rate. The current rate of \$0.44 per mile was established May 1, 2011 (council approved 5/23/11). She cannot find any documentation that this rate was ever changed. Dawes made a motion to reaffirm the county's mileage rate is still \$0.44 per mile. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

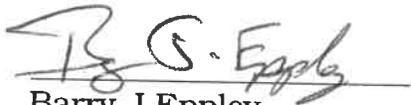
Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

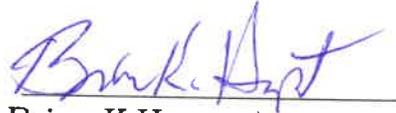
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 28, 2022.

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Also present: *In-person*: Chief Deputy Shelly Baucco, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin and Chief Probation Officer Brian Swihart. *Via Zoom*: Mandy Mahan, Don Jervis, Rob Burgess and Melanie Penn.

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