

May 23, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 23, 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. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley presented a non-disclosure agreement with Farm and Home Publishers for plat data. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Butler Fairman Seufert, Inc. post award services contract for Community Crossings Matching Grant 2022-1. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract for \$30,300. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Bridge painting bid from Pacific Painting for approval. Hauptert made a motion to approve the bid for \$1,236,913.85. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 86 inmates with 27 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in the Fulton County Jail, and 23 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 16 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 79. The total inmate count was 132. Sheriff Baker stated the truck he reported being wrecked is totaled and asked if he could look for a replacement. The commissioners approved looking for the replacement.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, reported three contracts with Republic Services for trash and recycling removal end on June 30. He presented new contracts for three years, which would begin July 1. The costs would remain the same for the first year then increase by 10% on the second and third years. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contracts. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 5/23/2022. Dawes made a motion to approve all claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims/allowances and withholdings for pay period ending 05/14/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested permission on behalf of EMA to apply for a cyber grant. The commissioners approved EMA to apply for the grant.

The commissioners presented Brenda Conner with a certificate of appreciation for 47 years of public service and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

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


After a brief pause, Todd Durnil, Owners Representative for the new jail, presented a contract for seeding and straw erosion blankets. The work would have been bid in Phase 4, but is needed now due to the final grade being completed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the R. Reinhart quote for \$27,480.16. Dawes 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 Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

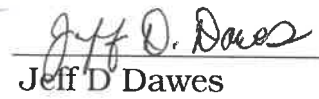
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Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Audrey Lynn, Melanie Penn, Kandy Barker, Lori Draper, LuAnn Layman, Brenda Hegel, Kelly Schenkel, Chris Paul, Eric Rish, Christine Chamberlain, Cheri Slee, Brian Swihart and Steve Downs.
Via Zoom: Rob Burgess and Don Jervis.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor