

February 20, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 20, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

New Business:

Change Order 23-06 for the new jail project. D&D Electric for labor & material associated with the generator pad installation that was deleted from Phase 2 - \$15,780 and labor & material associated with swapping the 80% breaker for the 100% breaker - \$16,070. Eppley made a motion to approve the change order for the total of \$31,850. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Barry J. Eppley reported he filed a conflict-of-interest statement with the auditor's office regarding the zoning ordinance for solar power.

Next on the agenda was a proposed amendment to the county zoning ordinance. The amendment of chapter 13 in the solar ordinance is to allow for a special exception in an A1 zone area. The draft of the amendment is being referred to the Wabash County Plan Commission to hold public hearings and make recommendations to the commissioners. Dawes made a motion to forward the amendment to the plan commission. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0-1 vote, with Eppley abstaining.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Right of way and utility permits from NIPSCO to retire gas service at 10 N. Vacation Way, North Manchester. Eppley made a motion to approve both requests. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Utility permit for QC Communications to run conduit under the road at 21 W. Lakeside Drive, North Manchester. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 80 inmates, with 20 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Fulton County Jail and 52 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 18 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total inmate count was 150.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 02/20/2023. Dawes made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

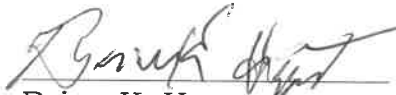
Haupert asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.


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 27, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Brian Swihart, Sandy Beeks, Steve Downs, Jim Dils, Latheda and Dan Metzger and Keith Walters; *Via Zoom*: None.

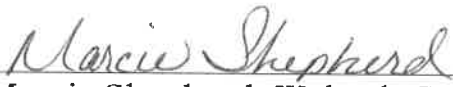
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Brian K. Haupert
Chairman


Jeff D. Dawes
Vice-Chairman


Barry J. Eppley

Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor