The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 1, 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 April 24, 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.

Michael Rehak, Wabash County Highway Supervisor, presented:

- Utility permit for BSM for QC Communication to install fiber optic at 100 W S114. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 2. Marathon requested an overweight permit for 800 N from SR 13 to POET. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 73 inmates, with 8 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Fulton County Jail and 40 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 18 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 83. The total inmate count was 123.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator/HR Director, reported a National Day of Prayer event will be held on the courthouse lawn on May 4, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

- 1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 05/01/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 2. Jail Bond Packet #24 for \$9,491.46 to be dispersed. Eppley made a motion to approve the payment. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 3. Presented a request for Tod Minnich and Marcie Shepherd to be reappointed to the Wabash County Redevelopment Committee for a period of one year. Eppley made a motion to approve the appointments. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Old Business: Concerning the vehicle purchases requested by the health department (April 24, 203). Dawes made a motion to approve the purchase of one vehicle, keep the current vehicle for use by EMA and investigate the cost of buying a used vehicle instead of a new one. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. After additional discussions, Eppley made a motion to take the request under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The commissioners then asked Walters to request that the health department investigate the cost of purchasing a slightly used vehicle.

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

The meeting was held in recess until 9:30 a.m. for the bid opening of the Wabash County Courthouse Tower/Dome Repair Project.

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

The following bids were received:

- 1. E Lee Construction Inc, Delphos, OH
- 2. MMI Midwest Maintenance, Inc. Piqua, OH
- \$ 696,960.00

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With no other bids received, Eppley made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Haupert 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, May 8, 2023.

Also present: In person: Shelly Baucco, Tyler Guenin, Keith Walters, Steve Downs, William Carroll, Greg Harnish, Alex Downard, Louella Krom, Jeff Kumfer, Suzanne Peebles, Marvin Swinger, Dave Nelson and Gary Ridenour; Via Zoom: Jade Hall, Kandy Barker, Melanie Penn, Connie, Cris Renn, Brian Swihart, Denise Enyeart and Don Jervis.

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