

April 22, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 22, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the April 15, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

A bid opening was held to mill and overlay the streets in Somerset and 950 S. Hauptert made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. One bid was received: Gaunt & Son, Wabash, IN for \$995,507.70. Eppley made a motion to take the bid under advisement to be accepted subject to county attorney review. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented the weekly jail report. There were 77 inmates with 3 additional in the Miami County Jail, 25 in the Tipton County Jail, 16 in the Cass County Jail and 17 in the Fulton County Jail. Last week there were 30 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 81 with total prisoner count being 135.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 04/22/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances including withholdings for pay period ending 04/13/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claim. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Three bids for furniture at the jail. Norix \$6,680.42, Paragon \$4,070.00 and Wabash Furniture \$2,649.97 which includes delivery. Hauptert made a motion to approve the quote from Wabash Furniture. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

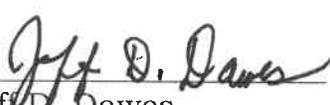
Cheryl Ross asked if the county had or could have a procedure regarding carbon capture. Ross stated she would like companies to speak to the county before they sign-up landowners. Mark Frantz, County Attorney, reported we cannot stop companies from talking to landowners but he is looking into an ordinance similar to what White County has for carbon capture.

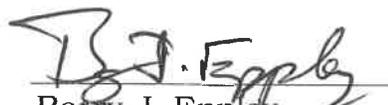
Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.

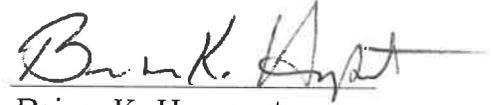
Hauptert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 29, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Cole Wyatt, Keith Walters, Andrew King, Chris Hickman, Anthony Sorg, Jim Dixon, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Dave Terflinger, Cheryl Ross, Barry Stroup, Tyler Niccum and Dave Nelson. *Via Zoom*: KandyB, Jade Hall, Bhegel, Suzanne Peebles, Amanda, iPhone, Theda Metzger, Unger 11, Ashlie and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor