

June 29, 2020

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 29, 2020. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley, and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mitch Figert of the Wabash County Historical Museum, thanked the county for the past support and reviewed the programs offered. Museums for ALL is an initiative of the Institute of Museum and Library Services which helps low income families enjoy the museum when they may not have been able to afford it in the past. Figert said they have updated the lighting and HVAC systems. Figert closed with requesting the same funding as last year, \$40,000.

Christine Flohr of Visit Wabash County, provided detailed budgets showing income and expenses to date. Flohr reviewed the outreach and events for the next year, remarking that the Dam to Dam is still scheduled to be held and thanked the Wabash County Highway Department for having already completed the scheduled chip and seal on the roadways. Flohr also provided budget projections and stated Visit Wabash County would like to request \$75,000 for 2021. In closing, Dawes asked if Flohr knew when the new hotel would open. She stated it looks like August 2020. Flohr closed by saying the new hotel will help accommodate visitors, including those brought in by the Bass & Bucks tournaments.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with USI Consultants, Inc. for Bridge 110. This will update the agreement to show Federal Aid status.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 80 inmates with 20 inmates housed in the Miami County Jail and 15 in Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities.

The meeting was suspended to receive and open bids for the Wabash Lighthouse Missions, Inc. project to renovate a building located at 123 W. Canal Street.

Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Bids received were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hamilton Hunter Builders	Fort Wayne, IN	\$ 874,000
Kevin Sullivan, Inc.	Arcadia, IN	\$1,038,000
ATV General Construction	Indianapolis, IN	\$ 936,000
Roche Construction	Warsaw, IN	\$1,001,700

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Shock Construction Indianapolis, IN \$1,258,947

Eppley made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented the following:

1. Standard Sub-Recipient Agreement for CDBG-Funded Project. This agreement appoints Grow Wabash County as the Grant Sub-recipient with a limitation on funding. Grow Wabash County will not receive more than \$5,000 for services. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A letter to give consent to Keith Gillenwater of Grow Wabash County to conduct and transcribe minutes of the public hearing for the CDBG COVID-19 Relief Grant. Eppley made a motion to approve the letter. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Four-Factor Analysis for Limited English Proficiency persons for the CDBGP Grant. This analysis outlines that we do not currently need a LEP Plan. Eppley made a motion to approve the analysis. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote
4. SRI contract to perform tax sales each year with an auto renewal that may be cancelled at any time with a 30-day notice. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the following:

1. Title for a 2010 Dodge Caravan that Wabash County Transit is taking out of service. Transit offered the van as required by INDOT and nothing further is required to scrap the vehicle.
2. Annual Covered Bridge Certification that must be signed and submitted to the State Board of Accounts.
3. June 22, 2020 Settlement Claims in the amount of \$16,603,413.79. Eppley made a motion to approve. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jeff Dawes stated Laura Cole and Barbara Pearson have asked for permission to hold a public rally on the courthouse lawn on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose is to show peaceful support for and appreciation of law enforcement.

Don Jervis presented 31 new signatures to add to a previous petition in support of repairing Bridge 144 and he requested an update. The commissioners stated they are still working on a solution.

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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, July 6, 2020.

Also, present: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Michael Johnston, Toby Steffen, Jenny Ritzema, Amy Miller, Tanner Sandlin, Bob Lyons, Larry Horn, Brian Gottschalk, Elliott Brown, and Wabash Plain Dealer editor Rob Burgess.

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