

January 11, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 11, 2021. Commissioner Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the boards listed below:

- Susan Baker to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board,
- Terry Knee, Jon Rosen, and Robert Lundquist to the PTABOA Board
- Carrie Vineyard, Jennifer Bailey, and Howard Kaler to the Tourism Board.

Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-01 Extending the Benefits of the Families First Coronavirus Act to June 30, 2021. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-01 on second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented the Internal Controls Policy for the county highway department. Eppley made a motion to approve the policy. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates, with 33 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 3 in the Tipton County Jail, 12 in the Elkhart County Jail and 1 in the Whitley County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total inmate count was 135.

Baker stated he has looked into the possibility of securing a grant to help purchase the AED devices requested last week. He stated he did not find such a grant and requested permission to proceed with the purchase. The commissioners agreed.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.


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


Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented an agreement with MicroVote to extend the maintenance agreement for one year. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Eppley 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, January 19, 2021 due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

Also present: (in person) Dave Sholl and Mike Goucoff and (via Zoom) Michael Johnston, Rob Burgess and Carrie Colvin.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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