

**April 12, 2021**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 12, 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 April 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Terry Burnworth reported that four quotes were received for the Bond Services Request and all meet the requirements.

1. Bose McKinney & Evans LLP - not to exceed \$40,000, plus an additional \$5,000 in the event the issuance of bond anticipation notes (BAN) is required, with hourly rates of \$545 and \$490 respectively.
2. Faegre Drinker - estimated at \$45,000, with an hourly rate of \$625.
3. Ice Miller LLP - would be in the range of \$55,000 to \$65,000, plus \$10,000 per additional financing directly related to the jail project, with hourly rates of \$365 to \$735. Also, estimated expense charges for ancillary services and expenses not to exceed \$1,000 per transaction.
4. Barnes & Thornburg LLP - not to exceed \$74,500, with hourly rates of \$300 to \$710.

Hauptert made a motion to approve the Bose McKinney & Evans LLP quote pending review by the county attorney. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent stated;

1. Letters of Interest for the 2022 Bridge Inspection were received from: Beam Longest & Neff, USI, DLZ, United Consulting and Clerk Dietz.
2. Brainard Excavating quote for Bridge 53 (03/23/2021) was rejected due to the bid packet being incomplete.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 73 inmates, with 22 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 13 in the Tipton County Jail and 15 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 28 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 80. The total inmate count was 124.

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

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director presented two lawn care quotes totaling \$75 per mowing from Nate's Lawn & Landscape. They include the jail and coroner office properties. Eppley made a motion to approve the quotes. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented payroll claims and allowances for the pay period ending 04/03/2021. Haupert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes stated that today's Wabash County Solid Waste Management District board meeting had been moved from today to tomorrow, April 13, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.

Also, present: *In-person*: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper, Wabash County Treasurer LuAnn Layman and Mike Miller. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess and Carrie Colvin.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/Jeff D. Dawes  
Chairman

/s/Barry J. Eppley  
Vice-Chairman

/s/Brian K. Haupert

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Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor