

July 26, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 26, 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 July 19, 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.

The first order of business was a quote for repairs to the basement entry on the west side of the courthouse. Masonry Solutions submitted a quote to replace broken concrete blocks, seal the cap, pressure spray, scrape loose paint, prime and paint. A quote was requested from Quillen but no response was received. Eppley made a motion to approve the Masonry Solutions quote for the amount of \$2,830. Payment will be out of EDIT building repairs. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd for Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to apply for the Community Crossing Matching Grant program for the improvements to be made on Wabash County Bridge 909 (American Road over Treaty Creek). With a construction estimate of \$594,144.00, Wabash County is applying for \$389,327.88 with a county match of \$204,816.12 to be allocated from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Eppley made a motion to approve submitting the grant application. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd for Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 78 inmates, with 28 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 19 in the Tipton County Jail and 3 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total inmate count was 130.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director, requested the following:

1. Approval of Wabash County's updated Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. Haupert made a motion to approve the plan. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Permission to apply for the EMP-G Salary Reimbursement Grant and the EMP-G Competitive Grant (for up to \$40,000). Eppley made a motion to approve submitting both applications. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative, was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, was present with nothing to report.

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Steven Justus, Outreach Representative from the Office of the Attorney General Todd Rokita, presented each of the commissioners with a binder containing information about that state office.

Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title IV concerns. None were heard.

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, August 2, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho, James Derck, Alex Downard and Greg Harnish

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman

/s/Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman

/s/Brian K. Haupert

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor