

January 10, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 10, 2022. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

National Opioid Settlement Agreements were presented for approval and signatures. \$507,000,000 is slated to be received by the State of Indiana; the amount per county is currently unknown. 70% of the funds received are restricted for use with opioid treatment, 30% is unrestricted and can be used for any county purpose. Hauptert made the motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2022-85-01 Authorizing Execution of INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) agreements, allows for one Commissioner to be able to sign on behalf of all other Commissioners on documents from INDOT. Dawes made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-85-01. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

An Order Establishing Precincts – reestablishing certain precincts' boundaries within the County. The redistricting was completed and sent to the State for approval and objections; no objects were heard. Hauptert made the motion to approve and sign the order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, was present with nothing to report.

Wabash County Sheriff report stated that the jail currently has 86 inmates, with 19 additional being housed in the Miami County jail, and 25 in the Tipton County jail. Last week there were 26 book-ins and nine transports to other facilities. The peak population was 94. The total inmate count was 125.

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

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 1/10/2022. Hauptert made the motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. LIT distribution for January \$1,113,834.49 to be disbursed to the county and other taxing units. Dawes made the motion to approve the distribution. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

The meeting was held in recess until the advertised time of 9:30 a.m. to open bids for Bridge 909 small structure replacement.

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


Milestone Contractors LP	Fort Wayne, IN	\$518,845.33
Pioneer Associates	Albion, IN	\$439,948.35
RG Zachrich Construction, Inc.	Defiance, OH	\$492,191.50

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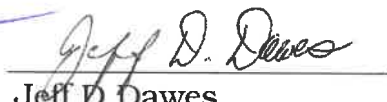
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.


Also present: *In person*: Kandy Barker, Chief Probation Officer Brian Swihart, Natalie Roe, and Jeff Laing. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess and Melanie Penn.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor