

January 18, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 18, 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. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco. The minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Chris Harrison and Ben Adams with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. presented a countywide sewer study for septic elimination. The study presented is funding ready and part of the service they offer is to find grants to fund such projects.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, requested that the bid from Pioneer and Associates for Bridge 909 carrying America Road over Treaty Creek, DES 2101599, in the amount of \$439,948.35 be approved. Haupert made a motion to approve the bid. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated that the jail currently has 88 inmates, with 20 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, and 25 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 83. The total inmate count was 134.

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

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Deputy Auditor, presented payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 01/08/2022. Haupert made a motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Trisha Hanes, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to apply for the 2022/2023 JDAI Grant. The grant for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative has been received for the last four to five years and is an advance grant. The commissioners gave their permission to apply.

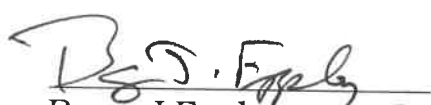
Eppley reviewed an agreement with Equature for Wabash County Central Dispatch. The five (5) year agreement with Equature provides a full NG 9-1-1 recording solution and full maintenance. The annual amount is \$6,853 with a one-time professional services fee. Haupert made a motion to approve, subject to legal review. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI 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, January 24, 2022.

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

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Barry J Eppley  
Chairman

  
Brian K Haupert  
Vice-Chairman

  
Jeff D Dawes

Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor