February 14, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 14, 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 Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Terry Burnworth, Pyramid Consulting, Owners Rep for Jail project presented:
1. An addendum requesting an additional $100,000 in fees. Dawes made a motion to approve the addendum. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Proposed changes to the precast wall design in the new jail. Burnworth explained that due to potential time delays of 12 to 14 months, he would like to change the design in the non-security areas to stick-built walls. The estimated cost for these changes would be $50,000-$80,000 to RQAW. He suggested that the work be done on the hourly rate. The other cost would be with Kettelhut due to the added work. The estimated increase would be $150,000 to $200,000 which is well within the contingencies. Haupert made a motion to approve the design changes. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Progress on the new jail is continuing. They are currently working on the grade beams. Due to the weather, they are not pouring slabs at this time.

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to apply for a grant with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. This is an advance grant that would allow counties to develop, improve, coordinate, align and enhance county coordination related to access to treatment for substance use disorder and mental health. If awarded, the $37,393 grant would be used in partnership with the current Family Recovery Court. Haupert made a motion to approve submitting an application for the grant. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated that the jail currently has 83 inmates, with 28 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 14 in the Fulton County Jail and 30 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 88. The total inmate count was 153.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported:
1. The bonds for the Jail project were sold and will close on 02/24/2022 with a coupon interest rate of 4% for $36,785,000. The commissioners will review the documents presented and will execute them as needed for closing.
2. Three submissions were received for the request for qualifications for the development and finance of the proposed State Road 13 sewer district: United Consulting, Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. and Jones Petrie Rafinski. Haupert made a motion to take the submissions under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:
1. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 2/05/2021. Haupert made a motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
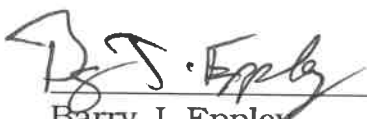
2. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 02/14/2022. Haupert made a motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
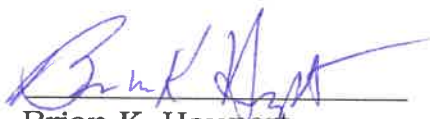
Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

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, February 21, 2022.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Baucco and Greg Harnish. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Mandy Mahan, D. Jarvis, Kandy Barker and Melanie Penn.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor