

March 14, 2022

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

Christa Stroup, Circuit Court Reporter, presented quotes for new flooring in the jury room restroom. She received two quotes, the lowest being from Hoosier Flooring Center. The quote did not include removing and resetting the toilet, but Greg Harnish said he would be able to help in July. Hauptert made a motion to approve the quote from Hoosier Flooring for \$923.11 to be paid from building repairs. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Stroup also reported she is waiting on a second quote for drywall repair and painting in the jury room.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, reported that during the last rain the bank on Old SR 15, across from Paul's Floor Covering, had become unstable. He had been collecting quotes for bank stabilization in this area and requested emergency approval to proceed with the quote from Troy Eads Excavating LLC for \$61,600 to begin work by the end of March. Hauptert made a motion to approve the bank stabilization project for \$61,600. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 81 inmates, with 25 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 16 in the Fulton County Jail and 22 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 23 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total inmate count was 144.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented:

1. Draft of an ordinance to add depreciation to the Fixed Asset Policy adopted 10/25/2021. After some discussion, the ordinance was put on hold for more clarification.
2. Letter from Baker Tilly for engagement to advise the county on grant projects. We object to a couple provisions in the agreement - statute of limitations and limit of damages. Downs will let them know both provisions need to be removed.
3. The State Road 13 Sewer District received three responses from the request for qualifications: United Consulting, Commonwealth Engineers Inc. and Jones Petrie Rafinski. This will include assisting in organizing and operating the district and looking for financing the project. Hauptert made a motion to select United Consulting for several reasons including the fact the City of Wabash is using them and this is a joint project. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 3/14/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims; allowances and withholdings for pay period ending 03/05/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims. 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.

The commissioners reviewed the following:

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- Mediacom: programming changes and rate adjustments.
- IDEM Notice: Hello Nature Facility – Sanitary Sewer - construction permit application.
- IDEM Notice: Real Alloy Recycling LLC – Approval - changes that are administrative in nature

The meeting was held in recess until 9:30 a.m. for a Partial Multi-Bridge Painting bid opening.

At the advertised time, Eppley called the meeting back to order for the opening of the bids. Haupert made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bid was received:

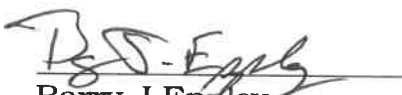
- Legend Painting Inc, Campbell, OH \$1,724,000.

With no other bids received, Haupert made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

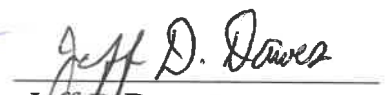
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, March 21, 2022.

Also present: *In person:* Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco, Chief Probation Officer Brian Swihart, and Steve Jones. *Via Zoom:* Don Jervis, Rob Burgess and Melanie Penn.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor