

**April 4, 2022**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, April 4, 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 28, 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.

First on the agenda was a Public Hearing: William Mayle, along with Mike Howard, Wabash County Plan Director, requested the vacation of an unimproved alley in James VanBuskirk subdivision in the Town of Laketon. Howard said all parties were notified and were fine with vacating the alley. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-85-03 to vacate the alley. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and move to second reading of Ordinance 2022-85-03. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-85-03 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lori J. Draper, Wabash County Clerk, presented a list of vote center locations for the 2022 primary election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The locations will be: Zion Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church in Wabash; Town Life Center in North Manchester; Lagro Town Hall in Lagro and Pleasant Township Fire Department in Laketon. Hauptert made a motion to approve the vote center locations. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a right-of-way permit for Frontier Communications to establish service to 4002 E 1400 N. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 78 inmates with 24 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 15 in the Fulton County Jail, and 28 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 18 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 82. The total inmate count was 134.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented an engagement letter agreement with BakerTilly for services related to grants and other projects. The letter has a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. 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 the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 4/4/2022. 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.

Eppley reported he had received Supplemental Agreement Amendment #1 from A-Z Engineering (Jan. 31, 2022) that would add \$1,500 and make the new total of the agreement \$5,000. Dawes made a motion to approve Amendment #1. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The commissioners reviewed the following:


- IDEM Notice: 30-day Public Comment – Metal Source LLC
- IDEM Notice: 30-day Public Comment – Wabash Valley Landfill

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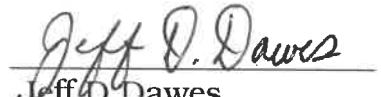
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 11, 2022.


Also present: *In person*: Chief Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco and Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin. *Via Zoom*: Melanie Penn and Rob Burgess.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Chairman

  
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Jeff D Dawes

Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor