

May 16, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 16, 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 May 9, 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.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a road cut permit request from Frontier Communications to restore service to 4589 W 800 S. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit pending approval by the surveyor's office. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director, requested permission to apply for a Duke Energy grant for \$5,000. The commissioners agreed to his making the application.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, reported work will begin this week at the Judicial Center related to the Small Business Energy Saver Program.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

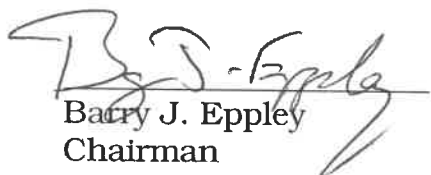
1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 5/16/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Jail Bond - Packet #1 \$2,860,713.63; Packet #2 \$265,822.70; Packet #3 \$82,444.06 and Packet #5 \$10,000.00 to be dispersed. Hauptert made a motion to approve all jail claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. FirstNet agreement with AT&T for internet service if the main service would go out at Central Dispatch. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Shepherd reported the jail currently has 75 inmates with 30 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 9 in the Fulton County Jail, and 22 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 82. The total inmate count was 133.

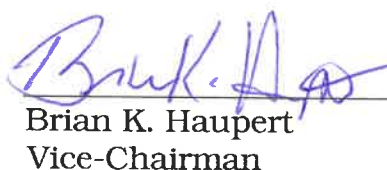
Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

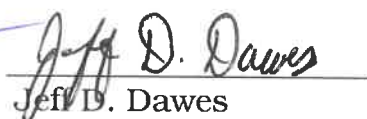
Bev Radabaugh reported she fell on the courthouse steps last Monday (outside the north entrance) when she came to pay her taxes. She asked that the commissioners look into modifying the entrance so others do not fall as she did. Eppley expressed concern regarding the fall. He stated sometimes historic preservation and public safety don't match up and they will look into it again.


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, May 23, 2022.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Auditor Shelly Baucco and County Attorney representative Mark Frantz. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Kandy Barker and Melanie Penn.

  
Barry J. Eppley  
Chairman

  
Brian K. Hauptert  
Vice-Chairman

  
Jeff D. Dawes

Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor