

June 27, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 27, 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 June 20, 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.

First order of business was the opening of bids for Road Resurfacing: Project 1: S 50 E from SR 124 to E 500 S. Project 2: America from E 250 S to SR 524. Haupert made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The following bids were received:

1. DC Construction Services	Noblesville, IN	\$835,754.15
2. Phend and Brown	Milford, IN	\$669,813.85
3. Gaunt & Son Asphalt	Wabash, IN	\$649,643.69
4. E&B Paving, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$585,338.00

Haupert made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cynthia Johnson, Director of Education, Learn More Center, gave an update on the High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma and community outreach efforts. Johnson stressed the weekly tests offered locally have helped eliminate the need to wait to start a job, which reduces reliance on public assistance programs. The Learn More Center would like to request \$10,000 for budget year 2023.

Jeremy Raymond, Treasurer of the Lagro Canal Foundation, gave an update on the progress of work being done. He reported Indiana Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch toured the LCF Building and the town and stated, "Lagro is a model for the future development of small towns within Indiana." Lagro Canal Foundation would like to request \$15,000 for budget year 2023.

Eppley stated all budget requests will be taken under advisement.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, provided an update on the intersection of 700 W and 200 N. After meeting with the engineering firm, the preliminary report is the school bus sign needs to be removed and the trees on the SE corner need to be cut back for better view. They are preparing a task order for an upcoming meeting. The lighted stop signs have been ordered.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 82 inmates with 51 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 10 in the Fulton County Jail, and 21 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 93. The total inmate count was 165.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 6/27/2022.
Haupert made a motion to approve the claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Covered Bridge Certification for 2022

Eppley reviewed the scope of work from Baker Tilley who will analyze the grant project for the workforce training grant. Haupert made a motion to set the "Not to Exceed" amount at \$20,000 and approve the contract to be paid out of ARPA funds after county attorney Steve Downs has revised it. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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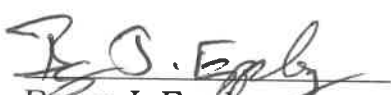
Wyatt reported Butler Fairman Seufert has reviewed the above low bid from E&B Paving and it meets the requirements. Hauptert made a motion to approve the bid from E&B Paving. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.


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 Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Also present *in person*: Shelly Baucco, Keith Walters, Jim Dils, Steve Downs, Bruce Spires and Anthony Song. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Don Jervis, Melanie Penn and Kandy Barker.

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