

**August 22, 2022**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 22, 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 August 15, 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.

Linda Wilk, Hands of Hope Director, requested via Zoom, permission to place signage or purple lights on the courthouse grounds during the month of October in connection with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Eppley said the county would work with her and to contact Jim Dils to coordinate.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. LPA Consultant Contract with United Consulting with a not to exceed cost of \$385,000 for Bridge 96 (Hanging Rock Road over the Salamonie River) DES 2101741. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Task Order #10 for Bridge Painting Inspection with United Consulting with a not to exceed cost of \$16,900. Hauptert made a motion to approve the task order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Right of way permit for Creek Run LLC to do soil testing for the Laketon Refinery on Troyer Road. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Requested permission to apply for the Community Crossings Matching Grant 2022-2 and commitment of matching funds for:
  - (a) Structural Overlay on 1100 N from 300 E to 400 E; The grant request is for \$391,624 with a county match of \$97,906 from the Fund MVH Restrictive 1173.
  - (b) Small Structure replacements at 4327 W 200 N & 861 S 650 E; The grant requests are for \$162,176.71 with a county match of \$54,058.91 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund.Hauptert made a motion to approve the grant application and matching funds. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 60 inmates with 45 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 11 in the Fulton County Jail, and 33 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 27 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 102. The total inmate count was 179.

Steve Downs, County Attorney, presented:

1. The consulting agreement with Gallagher did not state what the fixed fee of \$42 PEPM represented. He also noted the contract would renew automatically on an annual basis with a fee increase not to exceed 3%. Downs suggested we define PEPM and remove the automatic increase in fees language. The commissioners agreed.
2. The Baker Tilly agreement concerning the adult learning center is being held until they are ready to proceed.
3. No bids were received for the property Amanda Prater requested to buy. Downs asked if the commissioners would like him to move forward and set a price based on the cost the county has incurred in dealing with the matter. The commissioners agreed.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director, reported receiving the following requests for the use of county property:

1. Roann Covered Bridge - a wedding on 10/29/2022
2. Roann Covered Bridge - a fall celebration to be hosted by local organizations on 10/23/2022

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3. Courthouse lawn – Democrat Women of Wabash County want to hold a rally on the north lawn on Friday, August 26, 2022. The commissioners gave permission for these events to be held.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 8/22/2022. Dawes made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Riverboat Wagering Tax Revenue Sharing for \$122,611.31 to be distributed to the taxing units. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution. 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 Monday, August 29, 2022.

Also present *in person*: Shelly Baucco, Keith Walters and Brian Swihart; *via Zoom*: Rob Burgess, Don Jervis, Melanie Penn and Kandy Barker.

**WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

 Barry J. Eppley Chairman	 Brian K. Hauptert Vice-Chairman	 Jeff D. Dawes
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Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor