

December 19, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 19, 2022. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Eppley, Brian K. Hauptert and Jeff D. Dawes present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the December 12, 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.

Todd Durnil, Owner's Rep for the jail project presented via Zoom, Change Order #23-04 Quality Plumbing & Heating for labor and materials associated with PR #18 for SH-1 drains added in a chase between showers. Hauptert made a motion to approve the change order #23-04 for \$3,365. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley presented a request for the appointment of Kerri Mattern to the Wabash County Public Defender Board for a 2-year term. Dawes made a motion to approve the appointment. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Alex Downard with Imagine 85 presented a contract with Sand Strategies. It is for broadband consulting to help secure federal funding in the future. Hauptert made a motion to approve the annual contract for \$36,000 to be paid monthly out of EDIT. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 94 inmates with 40 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 9 in the Fulton County Jail and 53 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 94. The total inmate count was 182.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/19/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances with withholdings for pay period ending 12/11/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Jail Bond Packet #17 for \$13,975 to be dispersed. Hauptert made a motion to approve all jail claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. December Settlement for \$14,783,790.29 to all taxing units. Hauptert made a motion to approve; Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to sign an AT&T contract which has been reviewed by County Attorney Steve Downs. Swihart explained the current service is with Boost Mobile but a better price and service is available from AT&T. Hauptert made a motion to approve signing the contract. 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, January 3, 2023.

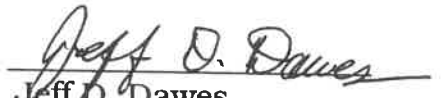
Also present *in person*: Shelly Baucco, Mark Frantz, Alex Downard, Cole Wyatt, Keith Walters, Jim Dils and Brian Swihart; *via Zoom*: Melanie Penn, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.


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WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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Chairman


Brian K. Haupt
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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor