

January 17, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Ordinance 2023-85-01 reducing the speed limit to 50 mph from Roann town limits to 250 S on 700 W. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-1. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-85-01 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Utility permit from NIPSCO to disconnect service due to no activity at 1 N Long Lane, Sandy Beach. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 78 inmates, with 26 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 8 in Elkhart County and 57 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 85. The total inmate count was 166.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 01/17/2023. Eppley 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 01/07/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve; Dawes seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. 2023 Infinity Voting System annual maintenance agreement for 01/01/2023-12/31/2025 for \$13,000 annually. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract pending review. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. (Steve Downs approved the agreement.)

All Annual Highway Bids for 2023, received on 12/12/22, were recommended for approval. Eppley made a motion to approve all bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Review Items:

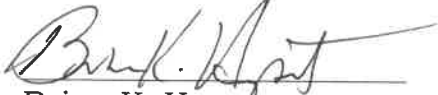
1. Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission - 01/11/23 agenda and 11/9/2022 minutes.
2. Otis Bowen Center for Human Services, Inc. - 2022 year-end report

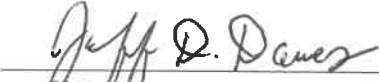
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, January 23, 2023.

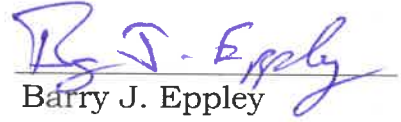
Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Steve Downs, Keith Walters, William Carroll, Joe Menna, Jen Menna and Brian Swihart; *Via Zoom*: Don Jarvis, Kandy Barker and Melanie Penn.

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Vice-Chairman


Barry J. Eppley

Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor