

March 6, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 6, 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 February 27, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer and Jeff Hobson presented a proposal for Work Release. It recommends building an 8,300 square foot facility next to the new jail. They presented an informational packet including a projected cost to run the facility. Eppley made a motion for Swihart to present the proposal to the Wabash County Council. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a contract with USI to prepare plans for a Community Crossings Matching Grant. The project is for a thin deck overlay on Bridge 509 (Carroll Street over the Wabash River) for \$49,500. Dawes made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 89 inmates with 18 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 4 in the Fulton County Jail and 45 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total inmate count was 153.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. The monthly LIT distribution for \$1,245,521.67 payable to the taxing units. Eppley made a motion to approve the LIT distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 03/06/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Jail Bond Packet #21 for \$2,690,878.13 to be dispersed. Eppley made a motion to approve. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Circuit Court Clerk informed the commissioners that last Friday (3/3/2023) a considerable amount of rainwater entered the judicial center around windows on the east side. The commissioners stated Jim Dils is working to address the problem.

Hauptert 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, March 13, 2023.

The meeting was reconvened to open bids for a small structure replacement on CR 650 E and paving on CR E 1100 N. Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

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| 1. Gaunt & Son | Wabash, IN | \$646,702.01 |
| 2. E&B Paving | Fort Wayne, IN | \$683,385.30 |

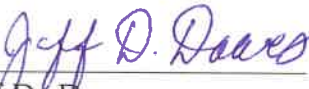
Dawes made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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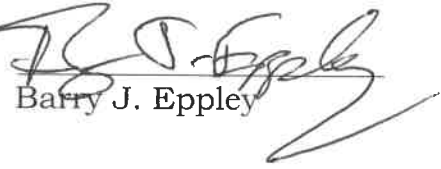
Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Mark Frantz and Anthony Serge; *Via Zoom*: Jade Hall, William Carroll, Kandy Barker and Don Jarvis.

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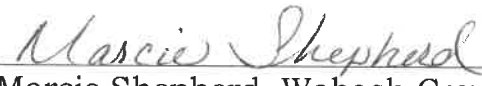
Brian K. Haupert
Chairman



Jeff D. Dawes
Vice-Chairman



Barry J. Eppley

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor