

**August 7, 2023**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 7, 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 July 31, 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.

Eppley reported that the company restoring and painting the courthouse tower (E. Lee Construction, Inc.) has requested Change Order #2 to apply another coat of Tnemec 118 primer from the fourth level down to the roof at an additional cost of \$30,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the change order but would like a review of the work, once completed. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Road right of way permit from Comcast at 500 S and SR 15. Wyatt explained this will involve a county drain and the Wabash County Surveyor will cover that aspect of the job. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested permission to have an ordinance prepared to install a stop sign at Lakeside and Hillside in Sandy Beach. This is a 3-way intersection with no signage. Eppley made a motion to proceed with an ordinance. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin for the Wabash County Sheriff presented:

1. The jail report: Currently the jail has 85 inmates, with 18 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 11 in the Fulton County Jail, 16 in the Cass County Jail and 39 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 16 book-ins and 9 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 87. The total prisoner count was 158.
2. Requested information regarding roof repairs at the new jail. Guenin stated he is worried the proper amount of attention has not been paid to the roof issues. Due to the recent rain, he went to the jail over the weekend and found wet walls and floors in the office and other areas. Guenin asked if Mr. Burnworth could have more accountability. Hauptert said Guenin's concerns are not lost on the commissioners. Hauptert reported they have received a third quote for the roof from our insurance company. He said they want to make sure it is being done correctly, not just quickly. Cheryl Ross asked if mold is now on the carpets and walls. Dawes said equipment has been installed to remove the water and moisture. Chris Hickman asked if the HVAC system was installed and working. He was told "yes" the system is in and working.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 08/07/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. LIT monthly distribution in the amount of \$1,245,521.67. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. 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.

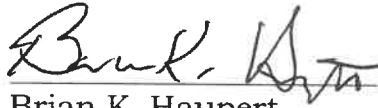
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Mark Frantz, Dave Nelson, Phil Dale, Nikki Burnsworth, Bill Burnsworth, Chris Hickman, Cheryl Ross, Marcella

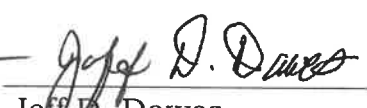
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Palmer and Louella Krom; *Via Zoom*: Jade Hall, Melanie Penn, Brian Swihart, Amanda's iPhone, Connie, Farm Life, Joe Slacian, CAR, iPhone, Owner, Harry and Don Jervis.

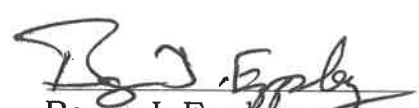
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Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor