

August 21, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 21, 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 August 14, 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.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, presented a jail report. Currently the jail has 80 inmates, with 12 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 22 in the Fulton County Jail, 18 in the Cass County Jail and 28 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 24 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 94. The total prisoner count was 160. Baker reported the truck that was ordered last year (May 23, 2022) is in and Trey from Crossroads Bank is present to obtain signatures for the purchase.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director, requested approval of the updated Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for Wabash County. Walters reported the plan has been reviewed and the only changes were personnel and contact information. Eppley made a motion to approve. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 08/21/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reported that Resolution 2023-85-03, a resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on commercial solar projects in an A-1 District, has been approved by all of the cities and towns.


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

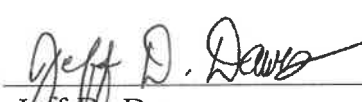
Dr. Patricia Walters from the Board of Managers of Walters Duffey LLC, along with Charles Walters, asked an update on the information they requested on July 24, 2023, concerning a fence removal by the Wabash County Highway Department. Hauptert said the matter had been turned over to the insurance company and the county is awaiting a decision. A copy of letters dated August 21, 2023 from Dr. Walters and Charles Walters were given to Josh Petruniw, attorney representative for the county. Petruniw said he would review the request and respond to the Walters.


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 28, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Cole Wyatt, Tyler Guenin, Dave Nelson, Nikki Burnsworth, Bill Burnsworth, James Derck, Cheryl Ross, Andree Benbow, Robert Kumler and Louella Krom; *Via Zoom*: kbarker, Betty Martens, CAR, Amanda's iPhone, owner and Don Jervis.

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