

## September 18, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 18, 2023. Vice-Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with two commissioners present: Dawes and Barry J. Eppley. Brian K. Hauptert was absent. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Right-of-way permits for Troy Eads at three (3) locations: two on 300 N and one on 400N to install 12" drains. Eppley made a motion to approve the permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Road cut permits for Bowman Agri Corp at 2480 E 900 S to replace an existing tile. Eppley made a motion to approve the permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
3. Right-of-way permits for BSM/QC Communications for Comcast at 4081 S 150 W and 1821 N 150 W. The permits are subject to the Surveyor's review. Eppley made a motion to approve the permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
4. LPA Agreement for Right-of-Way with INDOT for Bridge 143 Des. 2003065. Eppley made a motion to approve the permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Auditor Shepherd for the Wabash County Sheriff presented the jail report. Currently the jail has 85 inmates with 11 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 30 in the Fulton County Jail, 17 in the Cass County Jail and 27 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 20 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 93. The total prisoner count was 170.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 09/18/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

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

Cynthia Donovan, with the Roann Covered Bridge Association reported the festival breakfast (9/9) was a success and they are working on getting quotes to paint the bridge.

The commissioners received IDEM notice: Office of Air Quality – application received - Bio nutrients Ag LLC

At the advertised time of 9:30 a.m., bids for a Variable Width Chip Spreader were opened. Eppley made a motion to close the bids. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

The following bid was received: Southeastern Equipment Company \$409,350.

Eppley made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

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, September 25, 2023.

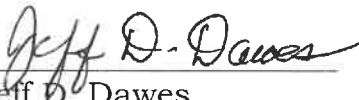
Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Dave Nelson, Jim Dils, Josh Petruniw, Cheryl Ross, Lorella Krom, Marcella Palmer, Gary Ridenour, Bill Burnsworth

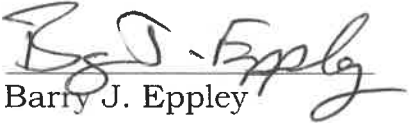
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and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: CAR, kbarker, Melanie Penn, Jade Hall, Kandic, Theda Metzger, 828-6097-8566, Brian Swihart and Don Jervis.

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Attest:   
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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor