

September 25, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 25, 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 September 18, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0-1 vote. (Hauptert abstained)

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to apply for the 2024 Problem Solving Court Grant. The advance grant for \$10,000 is to help provide financial assistance to certified family recovery courts. Dawes made a motion to approve application. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Dawes reported he attended the recent Drug Court graduation and thought it was impressive and very well done.

Marcie Shepherd for Clerk of the Courts presented:

1. November Election Day voting locations are Zion Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church. Eppley made a motion to approve the locations. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Election worker contracts for Jan Barlow and Arlene Wolfgang. Eppley made a motion to approve the contracts. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Right of Way permit application for BSM/QC Communications for Comcast at 4580 W 100 S. Dawes made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Two authorization-to-proceed forms with USI: Bridge #41, Carroll Street Bridge (over Wabash River) deck overlay for \$52,500 and Bridge #109 (over Back Creek) 500 S superstructure replacement for \$171,000. These contracts will have the projects ready for State approval. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreements as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Two City/County Utility Reimbursement Agreements for Des. No.: 1902850 Town of North Manchester and Wabash County replacement of Bridge #652 (over Eel River).
 - a. Standard Agreement – water main - preliminary engineering only \$52,555.
 - b. Standard Agreement Improvement - sanitary sewer \$106,561.13.Eppley made a motion to approve the agreements as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd for the Wabash County Sheriff presented: the jail currently has 81 inmates with 11 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 30 in the Fulton County Jail, 17 in the Cass County Jail and 28 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 15 book-ins and 12 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total prisoner count was 163.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 09/25/2023. 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 plus withholdings for pay period ending 09/16/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the payroll and withholdings. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Riverboat distribution in the amount of \$45,217.60. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

LuAnn Layman, Wabash County Treasurer, reported that after the September 13 tax sale one bidder did not pay. After talking with SRI, she questioned if we need to write an ordinance for tax sales to know how to proceed. Steve Downs said Indiana Code would cover most of the questions but he would look into it.

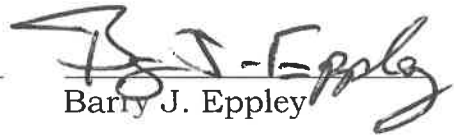
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, October 2, 2023.

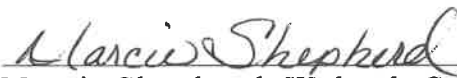
Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Jim Dils, Keith Walters, Cheryl Ross, Louella Krom, Marcella Palmer, Bill Burnsworth and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: kbarker, Melanie Penn, Kandi C, Karsten Kersey and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor