

November 20, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 20, 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 November 13, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hauptert presented:

1. Change order 09-17 for Kettelhut for expansion joint covers/concrete caps for \$6,332.00
2. Change order 09-18 for Kettelhut for change and hardware in A1000.1 & A1000.2 for \$6,868.00.

Eppley made a motion to approve the Change orders as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sandy Beeks, Central Dispatch Director presented:

1. A review of the procedure on 911 calls north of State Road 16. Beeks said she has not received any complaints lately concerning the service in that area.
2. J & K Contract for the 2024 Radio's, for \$7,121.62 Beeks reported that the contract has been reviewed by the county attorney. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, presented an updated Internal Control policy. Eppley made a motion to approve the Internal Control policy. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, for the Wabash County Sheriff presented the Jail currently has 85 inmates with 9 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 14 in the Fulton County Jail, 20 in the Cass County Jail and 17 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 9 book-ins and 13 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total prisoner count was 144.

Keith Walters, EMA director requested permission to apply for a state grant for \$20,304. The grant will help cover the cost of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. The commissioners approved the application.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 11/20/2023. Dawes made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 11/11/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the payroll and withholdings. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Jail Bond Packet #35 for \$466,414.90 to be dispersed. Eppley made a motion to approve; Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert reported the open house for the new jail on December 1, 2023, will be from 2:00pm-6:00pm in order to allow more people to be able to attend.

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

Shane from Waterwheel wanted to thank the commissioners and highway department for allowing the road closures. He reported that they are almost done with the closures. James Derck, asked if Barry Eppley should have voted on the road closures as he feels that Eppley benefited from the closure. Downs stated that it was appropriate due to Eppley having to paid market price for the services along with the others that received the service. Cole Wyatt stated he preferred

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the roads to close over running new culverts and causing more damage to the roads. John Roeloffs, dairy owner said he appreciated the closures and his company is looking into a new solution for next year.

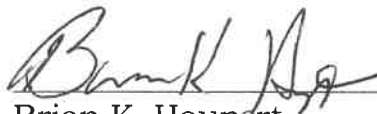
Matthew Enyeart stated he brought some complaints in writing and would give the commissioners a copy after the meeting. Enyeart asked if any of the commissioners had family working for Parkview? Hauptert said yes, his wife works for Parkview. Enyeart asked if the North Manchester Ambulance contract was ready to sign. Downs stated the Town of North Manchester will be in attendance next Monday to review the questions that have been raised. Enyeart asked if Parkview will have anyone in attendance at the meeting. Downs said no as our contract is with North Manchester. Kerrie Walton, made a statement on the time it took to get an ambulance to a call, saying it had gone to the wrong location. Walton also stated she feels that dispatch for Parkview had a staffing problem.

Cheryl Ross stated the county has a need for service to North Manchester and is concerned with the new contract having a price increase of \$6,000.00 per year for the next 5 years. Ross asked that the commissioners use caution when signing the new contract.

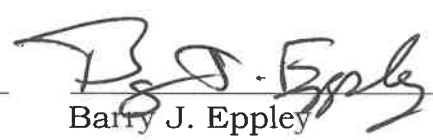
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 27, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Louella Krom, Matt Christman, Bill Burnsworth, and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: CAR, Connie, Jade Hall, Kandy Barker, and Don Jervis.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor