

**July 7, 2025**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 7, 2025. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. with Dawes, Tyler Niccum, and Cheryl Ross present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

The minutes of the June 16, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Niccum made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Public Hearing – Wabash County to apply for OCRA Grant with Daniel's Place, North Manchester. Niccum made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Alex Downard, with the Wabash County Community Foundation, indicated that this is the second of two public hearings about the Daniel's Place in North Manchester and reported that Wabash County is the sponsor or local unit of government for the project. Daniel's Place is one of the Stellar Pathways Project thru the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This project specifically received \$1,103,000 allocation as a part of the Stellar application. Melissa Norby from Kleinpeter Consulting, who is a Certified Grant Administrator for the project, discussed the application for grant funding thru the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). She indicated that they are applying specifically for a Stellar Public Facilities grant in the amount of \$1,103,000 and will be contributing a local match in the amount of \$2,168,492 that will come from fund raising efforts by Daniel's Place. Niccum made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote. Niccum made a motion to approve the Resolution to commit the location match to Daniel's Place, subject to attorney review. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Alex Downard, Wabash County Community Foundation, then introduced Conner Hindman, Project Manger for Imagine One 85. Hindman gave a brief introduction of himself. After some discussion and questions from Cheryl Ridgeway, the formal request for Imagine One85 is for \$15,000.

Dan Gray, Wabash County AACTION grants, came before the Commissioners and presented the budget for the AACTION Grants that are provided to organizations in Wabash County that address the Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco misuse. AACTION covers different programs in the County for Prevention and Education, Treatment and Intervention, and Justice and Enforcement. The budget is equally divided among those different areas of need. The request is for \$50,000 for 2026. Gray indicated that the funding does not come from County funds but from the Drug Court fees reporting that 75% of those funds stay in the County and the remainder 25% are sent to the State.

Laura Rager, Director of the North Manchester Center for History, came before the Commissioners with their 2026 funding request of \$10,000, which is less than 10% of their total budget. She presented the Commissioners with copies of their total budget. Rager thanked the County for their support in the last several years, indicating that they were able to maintain two facilities, that provide opportunity for clubs, schools, libraries, other museums, and guests. She indicated that people enjoy visiting their facilities and having the opportunity to learn, explore and discover things about not only North Manchester, but Wabash County and the region.

Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Superintendent:

1. Presented a Purchase Order from Kalida Truck Equipment for the purchase of Truck #58 in the amount of \$131,800.
2. DES 2300164 LPA-Consultant Contract 2026-2029 Bridge Inspections with USI in the amount of \$536,271.08. Niccum made a motion to accept the contract. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. DES 1902850 Utility Reimbursement Agreement between the County and North Manchester for Bridge #652 project in the amount \$242,737. It was noted that the agreement had already been review by Counsel.

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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 06/23/2025, 06/30/2025, and 07/07/2025. Niccum made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 06/21/2025. Ross made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented an agreement with SRI for tax sales. Niccum made a motion to accept the agreement. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented the Prosecutor's Office Cleaning Agreement. Niccum made a motion to accept the agreement. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Niccum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person*: Kim Shining, Cheryl Ridgeway, Nicky Burnsworth, Allie Daugherty, Pam Hawkins, Bill Burnsworth, Dave Nelson, Louella Krom, Marcie Shepherd, Mark Frantz, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom*: Theda Metzger, Don Jervis, Amanda Shambarger, AKline, Connie, Mike Rehak, iPhone(2), Beth Johnson, Samsung SM-S711u, phone, dwter, and Suzanne Peebles.

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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor