

October 6, 2025

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 6, 2025. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. with Dawes and Cheryl Ross present, Tyler Niccum was absent. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

The minutes of the September 15, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Rich Mofield, Wabash County Health Department, requested permission to apply for the SIA Grant. The grant is from Subaru of Indiana and is a pass-thru grant that can only be used for Capital Asset purchases. Mofield indicated they are requesting \$11,561.35 to replace a vaccine refrigerator that is reaching end of life. Ross made a motion to apply for the grant. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Resolution No. 2025-85-10: A Resolution Amending the Wabash County Employee Handbook relating to Compensatory Time. Ross made a motion to table the Resolution until the next meeting. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-85-13: An Ordinance Establishing – The Wabash County JCAP Donation Fund. Bauccho indicated that the Jail is running the JCAP Program and there are individuals that want to donate towards the fund so a fund needs to be established so that the money can be deposited and then appropriated. Ross stated that she is pleased to see that the Community wants to support the Program. Ross made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. The second reading of the Ordinance has been tabled until the next meeting.

Ordinance No. 2025-85-14: An Ordinance Establishing – The Wabash County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy Donation Fund. Bauccho indicated that during the State Board of Accounts audit it was discovered that there was a Reserve Deputy fund outside of the Treasurer and Auditor's books. Ross made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. The second reading of the Ordinance has been tabled until the next meeting.

Resolution 2025-85-10: A Resolution Appointing the Title VI Coordinator. Marcie Shepherd, HR/County Coordinator, reported this is appointing the Title VI Coordinator. She reported the previous resolution named an actual person and this resolution, is just naming the HR/County Coordinator position by default as the Title VI ADA Coordinator. Ross made a motion to appoint the Title VI Coordinator as the HR/County Coordinator. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Ryan Smith, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, reported that it is open call until October 20, 2025, for the Community Crossings projects. He reported they have three projects that they are submitting totaling \$790,000, with the Counties commitment to the projects totaling \$158,000.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, reported Jail numbers for the month of September. Total prisoner counts 122, average female prisoners 32, average male prisoners 90, prisoners booked into jail 62, average bookings 71, Level 6 Felony sentenced females 7, Level 6 Felony sentenced males 11, prisoner transports 27, males transported to IDOC 3, females transported to IDOC 4, DNA collected from arrested felons 17, misdemeanor fingerprints ordered by the Court 2, and inmates housed outside of the county 1.

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator/HR Director: Presented three estimates for Johnson Controls. The first is \$786.53 to replace a pull switch in the Annex Building that failed inspection. The second is for \$923.50 to replace four fire pump water gauges in the Annex Building. Shepherd indicated that this was not a failure during the inspection but a deficiency. The third is for \$3,054.75 is for the 5-year internal obstruction testing that is due along with hydrostatic

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testing and one sprinkler in the Annex Building. Shepherd noted that the sprinkler testing inspection is one of the items that was called out in the Liability inspection. Shepherd indicated that the reason these were all from Johnson Controls is because they have the contract for the Annex Building. Ross made a motion to approve the estimates. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Shelly Baucio, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for dockets ending 09/22/2025, 09/29/2025, and 10/06/2025. Ross made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 09/13/2025 and 10/08/2025. Ross made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
3. LIT October Distribution in the amount of \$1,431,323.76 for approval to disburse to the taxing units. Ross made a motion to approve the distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
4. Riverboat Wagering Tax Revenue Distribution in the amount of \$47,378.90. Ross made a motion to approve the distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Keith Walters came before the Commissioners to ask for a County-wide burn ban be put in place until further notice. Ross made a motion to approve the burn ban. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

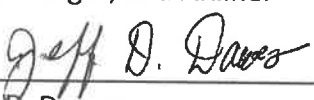
Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

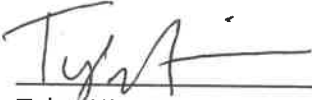
The Commissioner's reviewed the following:

- IDEM: Biorefining Air Permit

Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person*: Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Dave Nelson, Kimberly Lundmark, Kim Shininger, Cheryl Evenson, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom*: Blake H, iPhone, Amanda Shambarger, and AKline.


Jeff D. Dawes


Tyler Niccum


Cheryl Ross

Attest: 
Shelly Baucio, Wabash County Auditor