

November 17, 2025

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 17, 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 November 3, 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.

Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension, presented the Extension Contractual Service Agreement with Purdue University. Niccum made a motion to approve the Contract. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Brandi McCann, Wabash County Health Department:

1. Presented a Safe Routes Grant Contract that they were approved for in the amount \$10,000. The grant is for student bike safety, improving physical activity and pedestrian safety around the schools. She indicated that there is one provision that needs to be done to it. Niccum made a motion to approve the grant pending Counsel review. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. McCann then asked for permission to place boxes in the Courthouse for a 2-week can food drive competition that the Health Department is doing throughout the County.

Next, the Commissioners then indicated that the Courthouse was supposed to be open on Christmas Eve and the Commissioners have made the decision to close the Courthouse on that day to allow employees to spend the holiday with family.

Ryan Smith, Wabash County Highway Superintendent:

1. Reported that Bridge 652, which is the Market Street bridge in North Manchester is scheduled to begin on or before December 9, 2025, noting that the bridge will be closed as well as the alley behind Market Street.
2. Regarding the project on County Road 1100 N, he indicated that work has started and should be a couple weeks before it is complete.
3. Presented a contract extension for S & M Contractors for one more year for the mowing of the ditches. Niccum made a motion to approve the contract. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator/HR Director, presented a contract for Brainard's Snow Removal for snow removal at the Courthouse, Jail and the Coroner's Office. Shepherd noted that if the depth is over 6" then Brainard's will take care of the buildings, anything under 6" will be done by the Highway Department and Maintenance. Niccum made a motion to approve the quote from Brainard's Snow Removal. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for dockets ending 11/10/2025 and 11/17/2025. 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 11/08/2025. Niccum made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Reported that the State Comptroller has changed the process for the FIT Distribution and the CVET Distribution noting that the distributions can go directly into the general fund or they could use the formula that they are currently using. Niccum made a motion for the funds to go directly to the general fund. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. FIT Distribution in the amount of \$73,401.00 Niccum made a motion to approve the distribution of the Financial Institution Tax. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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5. CVET Distribution in the amount of \$111,800.00. Niccum made a motion to approve the Commercial Vehicle excise tax distribution. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Presented a contract for J & K Contract for Central Dispatch for 2026. Niccum made a motion to accept the J & K Contract. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

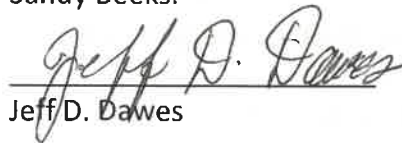
Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

The following review items for the Commissioners are:

IDEM: Air Permit TD LaFontaine Biogas LLC; and Advantage Housing – HOME Homebuyer Project Notice in Lagro, IN.

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, December 1, 2025, at 9:00am.

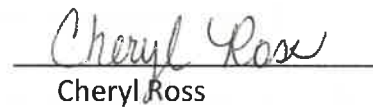
Also present: *In person:* Louella Krom, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Tenille Zartman, Cheryl Ridgeway, Kimberly Lundmark, Latheda Metzger, Tyler Guenin, Cheryl Evenson, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom:* Amanda Shambarger, Igrandstaff, Akline, Rich M., Connie, phone, and Sandy Beeks.



Jeff D. Dawes



Tyler Niccum



Cheryl Ross

Attest: 

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor