

## December 1, 2025

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 1, 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 17, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Niccum 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.

Resolution No. 2025-85-11: A resolution opting into the Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant Program. Tenille Zartman, Grow Wabash County, indicated that this is just to opt-in to the option to participate on a County level for the County Optimizer Preconstruction Grant. She reported that this is coming from the Strategic Development Corporation of Northeast Indiana. She noted that the application process will start at the beginning of 2026. She indicated that this can go for any housing project that the County would see fit in the County of Wabash. The County would be eligible for \$168,175. Tenille is suggesting that it will be up to the Commissioners who would oversee the project but is recommending either Grow Wabash County or the Wabash County Development Corporation based on what project is selected. This would be a pass-through grant to Wabash County Development Corporation and reimbursable. Niccum made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-85-11. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tenille Zartman then presented the Contract with Grow Wabash County. She indicated that they have reduced the amount from \$95,000 in 2025 to \$85,000 in 2026. She noted that there were some changes in Exhibit A of the contract. After several questions and comments, the Commissioners have decided to take this under advisement pending the Council's review at their December 8, 2025, meeting. Niccum made a motion to take it under advisement. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Appointment of Justin Adams to the Wabash County Tourism Commission for a two-year term. Niccum made the motion to accept the appointment. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Animal Shelter funding request was presented. Dawes indicated that the Commissioners will be going to the Council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> with a request to give them \$25,000 for 2025, and \$60,000 for 2026, divided into four quarterly payments. Dawes indicated that they cannot do anything until the Council approves the recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2025-85-20: An Ordinance Establishing Registration Requirements and Operational Requirements for Horse Drawn Vehicles and Trailers. Niccum made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2025-85-20. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The second reading of the Ordinance will be at the next meeting, December 15, 2025.

Ryan Smith, Wabash County Highway Superintendent presented a NIPSCO road closure for 200 West and Division Road to replace a gas main. Ross made a motion to pass the road closure. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, reported Jail numbers for the month of November. Total prisoner counts 145, average female prisoners 32, average male prisoners 113, prisoners booked into jail 85, average bookings 73, Level 6 Felony sentenced females 6, Level 6 Felony sentenced males 16, prisoner transports 19, males transported to IDOC 3, females transported to IDOC 2, and DNA collected from arrested felons 30.

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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Presented a contract for digital phone service to the elevator from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$2,567.53. Niccum made a motion to accept the contract. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for dockets ending 11/24/2025 and 12/01/2025. Niccum made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 11/22/2025. Ross made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Presented a rental agreement for 808 Manchester Avenue for 12/20/2025. Ross made a motion to accept the rental agreement. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to begin the bid-opening process. Niccum made a motion to close the bids. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>
1	Irving Materials, Inc.	Huntington, IN
6	Gaunt & Son	Wabash, IN
4	Pierceton Trucking	Warsaw, IN
8	Great Lakes Chloride	Warsaw, IN
9	Great Lakes Chloride	Warsaw, IN
2	Kokomo Gravel, Inc.	Peru, IN
2	Speedway Sand & Gravel	Fort Wayne, IN
3	Speedway Sand & Gravel	Fort Wayne, IN
4	Asphalt Materials	Indianapolis, IN
5	Central Paving, Inc.	Logansport, IN
2	Phend & Brown, Inc.	Milford, IN
2	LaFontaine Gravel	LaFontaine, IN
3	LaFontaine Gravel	LaFontaine, IN
1	West Plains Mining	Wabash, IN

Equipment Rental

Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc. Wabash, IN


Niccum made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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 15, 2025, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person*: Austin Faust, David Terflinger, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, Bill Burnsworth, Cole Wyatt, Diane Morris, Conrad Morris, Kim Shiningier, Tenille Zartman, Adam Hurley, Latheda Metzger, Allie Daugherty, Cheryl Evenson, Anthony Sorg, Derrek Sorg, Dave Nelson, Jed Derck, Mark Frantz, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom*: Amanda Shambarger, lgrandstaff, Akline, Don Jervis, bswihart, Sandy Beeks, Connie, phone, and iPhone2.

  
Jeff D. Dawes

  
Tyler Niccum

  
Cheryl Ross

Attest:   
Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor