

Wabash County Board of Commissioners Minutes for January 20, 2026

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 20, 2026. Tyler Niccum, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00am with all three Commissioners present: Jeff D. Dawes, Cheryl Ross, Tyler Niccum. The proceedings were recorded by Auditor Shelly Baucco.

The minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cheryl Evenson, Clerk, presented two contracts for Microvote. The first contract was for maintenance and has been changed from a 2-year contract to a 4-year contract. The second contract is for Election Services. The total for both contracts is \$23,580.00. Dawes made a motion to approve the Microvote contracts. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Reappointment of Wabash County Plan Commission members Doug Rice, Chris Hickman, Mike Ruse, and Joe Vogel. Dawes made a motion to accept the reappointments. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Reappointment of Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals members Dan Dale, Amanda Lyons, and Joe Vogel. It was noted that these are 3-year terms. Ross made a motion to accept the reappointments. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

Niccum updated in regards to the Highway Department and indicated that they had received a lot of calls in regards to the road conditions. Niccum indicated that with the blowing snow, like we had on Monday, that it is hard to keep roads open, and they decided to wait till the blowing snow had subsided before getting on the roads.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Coordinator presented a rental agreement for 808 Manchester Avenue for the Indiana Sheriff's Association in April, 2026.

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Non-Profit Agreement with the Wabash County Museum for the 2026 funding in the amount of \$30,000. Ross made a motion to accept the Non-Profit Agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 01/12/2026 and 01/20/2026. Ross made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 01/05/2026. Ross made a motion to approve the payroll claims and allowances. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dave Terflinger asked if there could be an update at the next Commissioner's meeting regarding the JCAP program at the Wabash County Jail.

Niccum asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns, none were heard.

The Commissioners reviewed the following: Visit Wabash County 2025-Year in Review; IDEM - Ford Meter Box notice; IDEM-POET notice; Homestead Pork LLC letter; Wabash County Museum Annual Report; 2 letters in support of Carbon Capture and Sequestration and 52 letter in Opposed to Carbon Capture and Sequestration.

Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person*: Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Kim Shininger, Conner Hindman, Austin Minnis, Chelsea Parson, Kimberly Lundmark, Dave Nelson, Tyler Guenin, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom*: Connie, Don Jervis, Caitlin Smith, bswihart, Amanda Shambarger, phone, Akline, and Jennifer Hicks

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Attest: Shelly Baucco
Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Auditor