

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Wabash County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tyler Niccum called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with all three Commissioners present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tyler Niccum (Chairman), Jeff D. Dawes, Cheryl Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT IN PERSON: Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Kimberly Lundmark, Ryan Smith, Marcie Shepherd, Kim Shiningar, Ryan Bales, Brynn Rollins, Gary Hunter, Jr., Lakelia Hunter, Abby Hunter, Cameron Richison, and Kandy Barker

VIA ZOOM: Connie, phone, Don Jervis, dwter, and CIA

The proceedings were recorded by Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The minutes of the March 30, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

LIVING WELL IN WABASH COUNTY – Deobligation of Federal and State Transit Funds

Auditor Bauccho presented a notification from INDOT dated March 31, 2026, regarding the deobligation of federal and state transit funds for Living Well in Wabash County / Wabash County Rural Transit. The deobligation releases \$278,646.00 in FTA Section 5311 Operating Funds from 2025 that went unreimbursed. These funds will be reprogrammed by INDOT to supplement the 2026 allocations. Bauccho reported that Living Well has new funds available under the new grant cycle.

Ross made a motion to approve the deobligation of \$278,646.00 in FTA Section 5311 Operating Funds. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

COUNTY SHERIFF

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy, gave the March, 2026, jail report and it is as follows:

Average Total Prison Count: 134
Average Female Prisoner Count: 34
Average Male Prisoner Count: 100
Number of Prisoners Booked into Jail: 97
Average Number of Bookings per Month: 79
Level 6 Felony Sentenced Females on 03/31/2026: 8
Level 6 Felony Sentenced Males on 03/31/2026: 9
Total Inmate Transports: 35
Males Transported to IDOC: 7
Females Transported to IDOC: 5
DNA Collected from Arrested Felons: 31
Misdemeanor Fingerprints as Ordered by the Court: 0
Inmates Housed Outside of County: 1 (State Hospital)
Prisoners Housed in IDOC Safekeep: 0

Sheriff Ryan Baker and Tyler Guenin presented two new officers to be sworn in. Cheryl Evenson, Clerk, swore in Branson Bales and Ella Hunter.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor, presented the following:

1. **Accounts Payable** — Claims and allowances for docket ending 04/06/2026. Ross made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. **Payroll Claims** — Claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 04/08/2026. Ross made a motion to approve the payroll claims and allowances. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

3. **April LIT Distribution** — Bauccho presented the LIT Distribution for April, 2026. The total distribution is \$1,411,943.16 to be distributed to the taxing units. Ross made a motion to approve the LIT Distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

ADA / TITLE VI

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS REVIEWED


The Commissioners reviewed the following:

- 1 Letter Opposed to Carbon Capture Sequestration
- 2025 Wabash County Jail Information Report

Ross made a motion to accept the Jail report. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 AM. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM.


Jeff D. Dawes

Tyler Niccum, Chairman


Cheryl Ross

ATTEST:


Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor