

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 3, 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, Jeff D. Dawes, and Cheryl Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT IN PERSON: Shelly Bauccho, County Auditor, Emily Myers, Deputy Auditor, Marcie Shepherd, Kimberly Lundmark, Ryan Smith, Tyler Guenin, Mark Frantz, Greg Harnish, Nick Kopkey, Brian and Sherry Ridgeway, Ryan Hauptert, Emma Miller, Sam Hahn, John Hartsough, Ron Behny, Louella Krom, Tenille Zartman, Gary Runkel, Vicki Niccum, Amy Lybarger, Kim S., Caitlin Smith, David Pyle, Aaron Kuhn, Jim Dixon, Donna Harman, Heather R.

VIA ZOOM: Don Jervis, Connie, AKline, bhegel, Theda Metzger, Amanda Shambarger, Brian S., dwter, Preston vault, Planning.

The proceedings were recorded by Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Living Well in Wabash County, CoA, Inc. – 2026 2nd Quarter Claim

Bauccho requested approval for the 2026 2nd quarter claim for Living Well. Ross made a motion to approve the 2nd quarter claim for Living Well. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.

Stipend

A stipend in the amount of \$7,000 was discussed for Maintenance Supervisor Greg Harnish. The stipend recognizes him performing two jobs all year, managing the jail and other county buildings. Dawes made a motion to approve the stipend for \$7,000. Ross seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.

Public Hearing to consider Proposal to Amend the Wabash County Zoning Ordinance Related to Carbon Sequestration

This was postponed to August 17, 2026 due to the notice not being posted inside the facility 48 hours prior to this meeting.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Ryan Smith, Superintendent stated the North Manchester bridge opening is delayed about three more weeks due to specialty guardrails delays and pending final deck inspections.

The temporary bridge for Bridge 143 is under construction, estimated completion by Labor Day; the old bridge will then close for renovation.

American Road: The county has not accepted the road after Guant and Son performed 34 patches. An engineering firm advised against acceptance due to potential distressed areas needing further evaluation.

Pacer Rating: The county’s 2026 Pacer rating is 6.9. About 74 miles of underperforming roads need to be addressed with next year’s chip-and-seal program.

Community Cross Structures: A pre-construction meeting is scheduled this week regarding three small structures. Expected turnaround is 30-45 days.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Major Tyler Guenin presented the following statistics for July 2026:

- Average daily inmate population: 131 (32 females, 99 males)
- Prisoners booked during the month: 88; year-to-date monthly average: 80
- Level 6 sentenced inmates housed: 3 females, 9 males

- Prisoner transports: 53; 10 males and 7 female transported to the Indiana Department of Correction
- DNA collected from arrested felons: 33
- Misdemeanor fingerprints collected (court-ordered): 2 sets
- Inmates currently housed outside Wabash County: 1

No questions were raised. The Board received the report.

COUNTY COORDINATOR /HR DIRECTOR

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator presented a contract with Intact for ADA and Title VI compliance assistance. The contract includes an initial billing of \$5,000 and is not to exceed 180 hours per year. Ross made a motion to approve the contract with Intact. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0

Shepherd also presented two rental agreements for 808 Manchester Ave. Ross made a motion to approve the two rental agreements for 808 Manchester Ave. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor, presented the following:

1. **Accounts Payable** — Claims and allowances for docket ending 7/28/26 and 8/3/26 were presented for approval. Ross made a motion to approve the claims and allowance docket. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.
2. **Payroll Claims** — Claims and allowances, including withholdings, for the pay period ending 7/18/26 were presented for approval. Ross made a motion to approve the payroll claims and allowances. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.
3. **August LIT Distribution** – The August LIT Distribution in the amount of \$1,411,943.16 was presented for approval. Ross made a motion to approve the August LIT Distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.
4. Bauccho requested approval for the AACTION 2027 Grant Budget. Ross made a motion to approve the AACTION 2027 Grant Budget. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Niccum asked if there were any old business to discuss. None were heard

ADA / TITLE VI

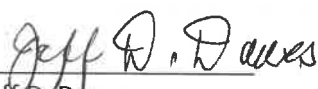
Niccum asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

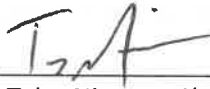
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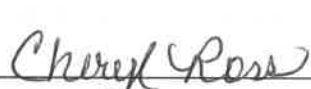
IGS information; ARC invite to tour facility

ADJOURNMENT

Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 AM. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carries 3-0. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 17, at 9:00 AM.


Jeff D. Dawes


Tyler Niccum, Chairman


Cheryl Ross

ATTEST:


Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor