

August 19, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 19, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Hauptert present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Rich Mofield, Wabash County Health Director presented a service agreement with Purdue Extension. Kerri Salb-Mertz explained the agreement is to help improve accessibility of food for all county school students. The cost of the agreement is \$5,000; funded with the Health First funds. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented a roadcut permit from NIPSCO for 5278 W 100S to retire service. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 08/19/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Dawes reported the commissioners have received review item of DNR, approval – construction permit near the Wabash River.

NEW Business:

Joe and Libby Cook reported they sent a letter to the Commissioners and the Wabash Co. Highway Dept. to request signage in several locations in the Lagro and Lincolnville areas. They also submitted the county form “Request for Signage” and asked if any decisions have been made. Cook reported the request is due to the new horse and buggy traffic in these areas. Several Amish families have chosen to relocate to Wabash County. Cook estimated approximately 100 people have moved to the County which is a pretty substantial growth of the population. These families are working with a local contractor, purchasing goods from local stores, and participating in the Lagro Farmer’s Market. They are requesting signage indicating horse and buggy traffic in the area. Dawes said he understands the concern and they are meeting with the families next week to discuss the concerns.

Brian Campbell, Wabash County Plan Commission Director, reported that Mr. Chris Fields has come to the meeting with concerns about accessing his property located in Twin Lakes. Fields reported he has had trouble reaching his property due to trees, brush and abandoned vehicles. Campbell reported he will be meeting with the adjacent property owners next week and the plan commission had sent a letter regarding this in 2017. Fields stated he thinks the drainage has been changed and now his property gets flooded. The commissioners said he should contact Cheri in the Surveyors office on the drainage and they would await the report from Mr. Campbell.

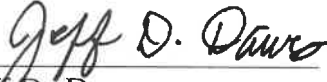
Hauptert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 26, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Keith Walters, Josh Petruniw, Cynthia Donovan, Louella Krom, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Tyler Niccum, and Cheryl

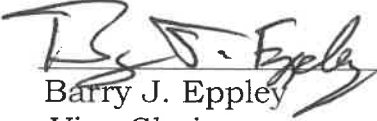
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Ross. Via Zoom: Don Jervis, Connie, Jade Hall, kbarker, phone, and Theda Metzger.


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Chairman



Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman



Brian K. Hauptert

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor