

September 30, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 30, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the September 23, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Brian Campbell, Wabash County Plan Director, presented:

1. Ordinance 2024-85-09 Amending Ordinance 2022-85-14 Zoning Ordinance. Campbell stated a committee had been created to assist with some of the changes in the ordinance. The Plan Commission board gave a favorable recommendation of the proposed changes. Dawes thanked everyone who participated in making the changes that were favorable to the County and everyone involved. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-09. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0-1 vote (Eppley abstained) Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0-1 vote (Eppley abstained). Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-09 on second reading. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0-1 vote (Eppley abstained).
2. Request for re-appointment of Christen Rosen to the Plan Commission Board, Campbell stated Rosen has missed three consecutive meetings (due to other commitments) and would like to be re-appointed. Hauptert made a motion to re-appoint Christen Rosen to the Plan Commission Board. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Rich Mofield, Wabash County Health Director, presented:

1. Public Health Services Agreement with Living Well in Wabash County, CoA, Inc. Mofield explained the agreement would help residents that need to travel outside the county for medical treatment. The cost of \$7,500 from the Health First funding is 40% of the total cost projected by Living Well, they will provide the other 60% of the cost. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Agreement with Purdue University School Nursing program will provide experiences for nursing students with our county nurses. Mofield requested that Lori Foust be appointed to sign the agreement for the County. Eppley made a motion to allow Foust to sign the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Shepherd presented Ordinance 2024-85-10 for Home Rule Fund for the Veterans Service Office (VSO) Donation Fund (4100). A veteran had recently passed away and requested donations be sent to the Wabash County Veteran Services office. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-10. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-10 on second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A letter of understanding from INDOT for an unofficial detour (700 N to 200 E to E 800 N.) Hauptert made a motion to sign the letter of understanding. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A right of way permit from Metronet to install service at 650 E 1100 N. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Hauptert seconded the motion it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Notice to Proceed for USI for a study on the Wabash County Bridge #18 (Roann Covered Bridge) to determine how to proceed. The work will be

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done as part of the on-call agreement to not to exceed the amount of \$37,000. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff Major reported the construction trailer has been removed with help by the City and Highway.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 09/30/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Malcon Agreement for the countywide IV-D Cost Allocation Plan for 2024-2026. The plan can be paid for by the IV-D funds. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Chris Benson, on Bailey Road the speed limit during 7:30-8:15 and 3:15-3:30 is being ignored by student drivers. The road is very dangerous and on two occasions she and her husband have had to get over in the grass to avoid getting hit by student drivers, they are driving down the middle of the road around the curves. Benson asked if the speed limit could be lowered or more signs posted? Hauptert said they will have discussions with the Sheriff and Highway departments and see what can be done. Bill Burnsworth stated he has also seen the speeding on Bailey Road and it is a problem that needs followed up on.

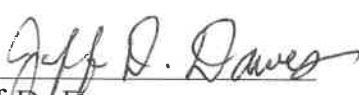
Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.


Review Item: IDEM Notice: POET Biorefining North Manchester LLC – Notice of Public Comment

Cheryl Ross, asked what the IDEM notice was regarding? It is for Air Quality. Ross was concerned it was with carbon capture, Dawes reported he has a meeting with POET and Vault later today to talk about the carbon capture.

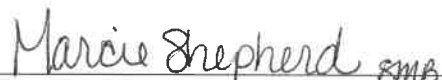
Eppley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 30, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Chris Staub, Mike Hawkins, Pam Hawkins, Cheryl Ridgeway, Suzanne Peebles, Jennifer Hicks, Nicky Burnsworth, Louella Krom, and Tyler Niccum. *Via Zoom*: kbarker, Theda Metzger, Don Jarvis, iPhone2 and Phone.


Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman


Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman


Brian K. Hauptert

Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor