

August 18, 2025

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 18, 2025. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. with Dawes, Tyler Niccum, and Cheryl Ross present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Shelly Baucco.

The minutes of the August 4, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Niccum made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Brian Campbell, Wabash Co. Plan Commission, and Brian Searing, landowner, presented a Notice of Proposed Alley Vacation: 10-foot-wide public alley that abuts the North side of Lots 1, 2, 3, and part of Lot 4 in the original plat of Speicherville. After reviewing the maps and surveys, Niccum made a motion to approve the vacation of the alley. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Kim Shininger and Lori Augustus, representing Bowen Health, presented an overview of their services and initiatives in Wabash County. They highlighted that Bowen Health served almost 3,000 patients last year with almost 37,000 services provided. Bowen Health has expanded its community outreach, including a community garden and partnerships with Lighthouse Mission. They gave an overview of their new building project which will include, dentistry, a pharmacy and expanded services.

Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Department reported the City of Wabash is doing a Community Crossings Project on Stitt Street. Wyatt reported that there is a segment of County Road that starts at the end of their right-of-way and runs approximately 800 feet to the States right-of-way. He said that it is in poor condition and he presented a quote from Gaunt and Sons Asphalt, the same treatments as the City's project will be done in the amount of \$66,212.75. Niccum made a motion to approve the project on Stitt Street. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff's Department reported that they really had nothing to report on. Ross asked if he had any updates regarding bringing in inmates from other counties. Guenin had nothing to report on that. Ross asked also about JCAP starting soon and he reported it will be starting on Wednesday.

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator/HR Director presented the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Ross made a motion to adopt the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 08/11/2025, and 08/18/2025. Niccum made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 08/13/2025. Ross made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Ross presented two quotes for the Old Jail project (Health Dept.). The first quote was from Bailey Construction in the amount of \$368,595.00 and the second quote was from D & E Construction in the amount of \$319,703.00 for the construction part of the contract. The contract was awarded to DNE Construction in the amount of \$319,703.00. Shepherd indicated that the quotes were broken out to segments. Niccum made a motion to award the contract to D & E Construction. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioner's reviewed the following:

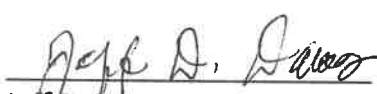
- Thank you note from Wabash County Museum

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- Notification of Application Submittal – CFO/CAFO – Josh Holmes

Niccum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person:* Louella Krom, Kim Shiningier, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Lori Augustus, Dave Nelson, Kimberly Lundmark, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom:* Jennifer Hicks.


Jeff D. Dawes


Tyler Niccum


Cheryl Ross

Attest: 
Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor