

November 4, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 4, 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 Shelly Baucco. The minutes of the October 28, 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.

Eric Rish, Recorder, presented:

1. Ordinance 2024-85-12, Amending the bulk user form agreement to increase the fee to .20, which is the State's maximum. Currently the Recorder's office charges .10, which is the minimum that can be charged without an ordinance being passed. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-12 as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-12 on a second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Media Conversion Agreement from Fidlar Technologies, in the amount of \$296,879.29. Transferring books to a different medium as they will be digitized and be better protected. The Council approved the Agreement at a previous meeting and approved it to come from the ARPA funds. Chris Hickman and Cheryl Ross both asked for clarification on the cost. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes indicated they have been asked to re-appoint Susan Baker to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board. Eppley made a motion to approve the re-appointment. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Right-of-way utility permit for NIPSCO for the Ford Meter Box extension on CR West 50 North west of State Road 13. Eppley made a motion to approve the utility permit for NIPSCO. Hauptert seconded the motion; passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Supplemental Agreement with Butler, Fairman, Seyfert for the 1100 North Community Crossings project. Wyatt indicated that the State has changed how it has been done in the past. Eppley made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented the monthly jail report for October, 2024. The average prison count was 147, which included 33 female prisoners and 114 male prisoners. There were 85 new bookings with the average for the year of 86. Level 6 Felony sentenced females as of 09/30/24 was 5 and 10 males. There were 32 prisoner transports. Zero males transported to the IDOC and 6 females transported to IDOC. DNA collected from arrested felons was 27. Misdemeanor fingerprints ordered by the Court was 28. There is 1 inmate housed outside of County. Dawes asked in regards to the Jail staff to start housing inmates from other counties. Guenin indicated the Council approved some hiring of additional Jail staff and they are currently at 29 Jail Officers. There has been some discussion with the Sheriff regarding bringing in inmates from other counties.

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator, requested that December 2, 2024, for proposals the changing out of the tower. She indicated that it is going to be a big project and that a crane will have to be brought in affecting parking for a couple of days.

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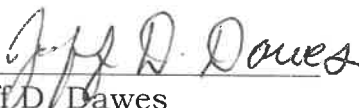


Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor presented:


1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 11/04/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims/allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 10/26/2024. Hauptert made a motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. The November LIT distribution for \$1,475,186.34 to be disbursed to the county taxing units. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution. 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.

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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Tyler Niccum, Bill & Nikki Burnsworth, and Kandy Barker. *Via Zoom*: Amanda Shambarger, Phone, Jade Hall, Don Jervis, Connie, akline, Rich Mofield, and Theda Metzger.

 _____ Jeff D. Dawes Chairman	 _____ Barry J. Eppley Vice-Chairman	 _____ Brian K. Hauptert
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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor