

**October 21, 2024**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 21, 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 October 15, 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.

Thom Whybrew, new owner of Quality Electric stated he would still like to continue putting the Christmas lights up and taking them down on the courthouse. He feels as this has been a tradition for years and would like to continue it. Commissioners agreed they would like for the company to continue to do this. The lights will need to be up by November 15 for the turning on the lights during the Jingle Jubilee.

Marcie Shepherd, presented a quote from Brainard Excavating LLC.

1. Seeding to kill weeds, place topsoil, grade, seed and install erosion control blanket for \$8,400.
2. Shooting berm shape existing dirt into uniform back stop, seed with "no mow" seed, haul-in grade and compact stone for shooting area for \$22,000

Commissioners stated the project for \$8,400 was part of the building of the new jail. After discussions for the shooting berm, Eppley made the motion to approve the \$8,400 and to take the \$22,000 under advisement until a funding source was identified. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd presented two quotes for the tuck pointing on the north elevation of the courthouse for the 2025 budget.

1. Trisco Systems for \$174,680
2. Atlas Building Services, Inc. \$148,773

Eppley made the motion to approve the quote from Atlas Building Services. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, Highway Superintendent presented a road right-of-way permit from AT & T to run fiber optic from 50 N west of ST RD 13. Hauptert made the motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff requested permission to purchase a new transport car. Currently a transport van and car are needed to be updated. Baker has the funds needed to purchase the vehicle outright. Cost of the vehicle is \$38,667.50. Dawes asked how many transports are being done. Baker stated between 8-30 depending on the weekend activity. Eppley made the motion to approve the request. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 10/21/2024. 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 and allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 10/12/2024. Hauptert made the motion to approve the claims. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Riverboat Waging Tax Revenue for \$2,511.57 to be distributed. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

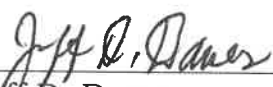
Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.


Chris Hickman asked why the court room at the new jail is not being used? Commissioners stated they are currently looking into the matter with the judges. Hickman also asked the status of the arbitration with the jail. Since Mark Frantz was not present an update was not unavailable.

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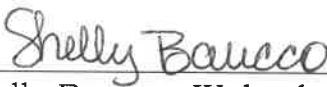
Hauptert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, October 28, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Josh Petruniw, Keith Walters, Tyler Guenin, Tyler Niccum, Cheryl Ross, Dave Nelson, Bill & Nikki Burnsworth, Louella Krom and Tami Hickman. *Via Zoom*: kbarker, Rich Mofield, Connie, Don Jervis and Phone.

  
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Jeff D. Dawes  
Chairman

  
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Barry J. Eppley  
Vice-Chairman

  
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Brian K. Hauptert

Attest:   
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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor