

October 28, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 28, 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 21, 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.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County CoA, submitted the 2024 third quarter invoice for the 5311 Transportation Grant in the amount of \$49,630.00. The commissioners signed the claim. She further reported that the new busses they have had some glitches but they have been taken care of.

Dawes indicated they have a contract for Contractual Training for Assistant County Surveyor with Kelvin Grumpp in the amount up to \$1,500.00. Hauptert indicated the funds were already in the Surveyors budget. Hauptert made the motion to approve the contract for Kelvin Grumpp training the new Assistant Surveyor. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator, presented two quotes for two new heaters in the garage in the new Jail, as the heaters in the current garage are not adequate to keep the heat in there. The first quote is from QPH for \$33,125.00 and the second is from Current Mechanical for \$35,125.00. Shepherd recommended to accept the quote from QPH to get the heat in there as quickly as possible. Hauptert asked if there were funds available for that and Shepherd indicated the ARPA funds. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote from QPH. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shepherd then presented a quote from Gaunt & Son Asphalt to do some patching on some of the asphalt at the new Jail. They will remove some of the existing base and haul it away then grade and compact. Shepherd indicated that she believes that this is something that should have been done; however, they are just now presenting the quote to get it approved. The amount of the quote is for \$1,280.00. Hauptert made a motion to approve the Gaunt & Son contract in the amount of \$1,280.00. Eppley 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 10/28/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Fines and Fees that are due to the State in the amount of \$6,542.27. Hauptert made the motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Cheryl Ross made an announcement that INDOT will be at the Honeywell Center on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 5:30pm, in regards to the j-turn at Wabash Street and 24.

Barbara Amiss, of the local Frances Slocum Chapter of the Daughter's of the American Revolution. The local chapter is 111 years old and she indicated that at one time there was a Commissioner's seal in the Court room before the Annex was built and when the Court moved the seal went with them. In honor of the 110-year Anniversary and the upcoming 2026, 250th anniversary of the nation, she presented a new Seal to the Commissioners.

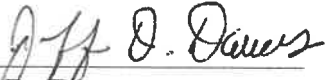
Christopher Dean Fields, of 113 Minnow Drive, Twin Lakes appeared to discuss someone blocking access to his lane. Dawes referred to Attorney Frantz.

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Attorney Frantz indicated they would take a look at it to see if it is an ordinance violation or if they are blocking a public right of way and they could then send a letter to them.

Eppley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 4, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Keri Salb-Mertz, Christopher Dean Fields, Tyler Guenin, Tyler Niccum, Dave Nelson, Bill & Nikki Burnsworth, Cole Wyatt, and Kandy Barker. *Via Zoom*: Amanda Shambarger, iPhone2, Theda Metzger, and 82860978566.




Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman



Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman



Brian K. Haupert

Attest: 

Shelly Baucce, Wabash County Auditor