

January 25, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, January 25, 2021. Commissioner Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Dawes, Barry J. Eppley and Brian K. Haupert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County CoA., Inc. presented the 5311 Transportation Grant for the 4th quarter of 2020. The reimbursement is for \$117,762. The commissioners signed the claim.

Ferry stated she has discussed with Dawes the procedures and processes related to the transportation grant.

Terry Burnworth requested approval to proceed with the AE (Architecture & Engineering) process, also known as the RFP (request for proposal), for the Wabash County Jail project. A committee of ten will be created to select, review and score the proposal. The team will consist of four people selected by the sheriff (sheriff, first deputy, jail commander and matron), three commissioners, two Council members and one selected by Burnworth. Burnworth will not be a part of the committee. The committee will create the RFP and give notice to vendors, pre-submission for interested parties, review responses and interviews with selected vendors. Once the process begins the committee is not allowed to discuss the project/process with any vendors. All questions will go through Burnworth. Haupert made a motion to approve moving forward with the AE process. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. A contract with INDOT for the Community Crossings grant for township bridge #53 (600E). Haupert made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A request for approval of the base and alternate #1 bids from Michiana Contracting, Inc. to complete the highway garage renovation project for a total of \$246,900 (January 19, 2021). Haupert made a motion to approve the bids from Michiana Contracting Inc. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates, with 35 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 3 in the Tipton County Jail, 12 in the Elkhart County Jail and 1 in the Whitley County Jail. Last week there were 15 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 85. The total inmate count was 135.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

Eppley made a motion to pay \$630 for the purchase of two new handguns and holsters for the court security officers (January 19, 2021) out of the courthouse complex. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

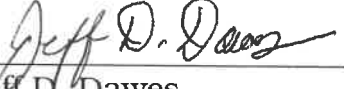
Dawes asked if there were any ADA concerns of which the commissioners should be aware. No concerns were presented.

With no other public comment or business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 1, 2021.


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Also present: (in-person) Doug Dukes and (via Zoom) Josh Goodman and Carrie Colvin.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman



Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman



Brian K. Haupert

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor