

February 8, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 8, 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 February 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sarah Lochner, Chief Probation Officer presented a quote from Intrasect Technologies to install cable and phone lines in the probation department in order to add another workstation. Eppley made a motion to approve the quote for \$1,038.48 to be paid from the Courthouse Phone System. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. Utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under the road to provide service to 1866 E 1400 N, North Manchester. Haupert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Contract from Michiana Contracting, Inc. for the county highway garage renovation project. (Bids approved January 25, 2021.) Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 89 inmates, with 33 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Tipton County Jail and 11 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 16 book-ins and 10 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 93. The total inmate count was 139.

Baker, along with Barry Grossman from Crossroads Bank presented a lease for one pick-up truck and two patrol cars. Lease #17 for \$89,750 is to be repaid in three years with semi-annual payments beginning in June 2021. Haupert made a motion to approve the lease. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

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


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

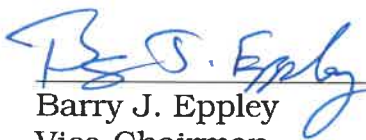
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor was present with nothing to report.

With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 15, 2021.

Also present: *In person:* Doug Dukes and Mike Miller. *Via Zoom:* Rob Burgess, Carrie Covin and Josh Goodman.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman


Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman


Brian K. Haupert

Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor