

February 22, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 22, 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. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2021-85-02 was presented for approval and signatures (*as provided by Grow Wabash County*).

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-85-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY WABASH, INDIANA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF WABASH COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COVID-19 RESPONSE LONG TERM RECOVERY PROGRAM PHASE III FROM THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) desires to fund a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 Response Phase III Program for Wabash County; and

WHEREAS, the monies received would be used for a Grant Program to child care providers to create new and expanded services within Wabash County limits. The total amount of CDBG funds requested is \$250,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low and moderate-income persons is \$124,313. Wabash County also proposes to spend an estimated \$50,000 in non-CDBG, local match funds from the Community Foundation of Wabash County; and

WHEREAS, the Wabash County would utilize Grow Wabash County and its staff to implement the program as a sub-recipient; and

WHEREAS, two public hearings will be held by Grow Wabash County on behalf of Wabash County and pursuant to OCRA regulations for CDBG funding; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing and preliminary applications by child care providers within Wabash County has clearly demonstrated the need for a program proposed by Wabash County to be funded with OCRA CDBG monies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissions of Wabash County, Indiana, as follows:

1. County Commissions of Wabash County (the "Commissioners") determines that there is a need for the Grant Program for child care providers to be funded with OCRA provided CDBG monies for providers located within the Wabash County Limits.
2. The Commissioners determines that Grow Wabash County is an appropriate entity with sufficient staff, expertise, and resources to effectively administer the program on behalf of Wabash County.
3. The Commissioners whole heartedly supports and endorses the application of Wabash County through Grow Wabash County to OCRA for the CDBG funds with at least \$124,313 of those funds targeted for activities that benefit low to moderate-income families.

DULY PASSED on this 22nd day of February 2021, by the County Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

/s/ Jeff Dawes

Hauptert made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-85-02. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented a reimbursement contract with INDOT for repairs to an unofficial detour route that was established. INDOT will reimburse the county for the repairs not to exceed \$3,945. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff reported the Wabash County Jail currently has 87 inmates, with 29 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Tipton County Jail and 17 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 12 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total inmate count was 139.

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.

ADA and Title IV concerns: None were heard.

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, March 1, 2021.

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

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman



Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman



Brian K. Hauptert

Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor