

June 7, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 7, 2021. Commissioner Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes and Barry J. Eppley. Brian K. Hauptert was on vacation. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Keith Gillenwater, President & CEO of Grow Wabash County, and Patty Grant, Executive Director of Community Foundation of Wabash County, gave an update on the Imagine ONE 85 (Wabash County Comprehensive Plan on population decline). The Imagine One 85 steering committee hosted in-person and virtual workshops between November 2020 and March 2021. More than 250 people participated in a Focus on the Future discussion which generated thousands of comments and ideas. The Technical Analysis Memo shared with the commissioners is the Comprehensive Plan made up of fourteen topics including land use, transportation, natural resources and public health. This research and analysis will help form the plan's final recommendations. A copy of the memo can be found at ImagineOne85.org. Gillenwater invited the commissioners to attend the Imagine One 85 Growth Summit, Wednesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. at the Honeywell Center Plaza.

Lori Draper, Wabash County Clerk of the Courts, informed the commissioners she received a contract from the Indiana State Archives regarding ownership of the microfilm of clerk records. Draper stated both judges have agreed to allow the transfer of ownership to the state. Eppley made a motion to approve that ownership of the microfilm to be given to the state and for Draper to sign the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote. Draper also informed the commissioners the postage machine in her office is starting to wear out. The projected cost increase to replace it may be around \$1,600 per year. Draper also asked if new early voting locations have been determined for 2022. Eppley stated they have not yet been selected.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Road Resurfacing Projects Contract (June 1, 2021). Eppley made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Phend & Brown for a total of \$814,229.50 and to sign the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 86 inmates, with 20 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 20 in the Tipton County Jail and 9 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 22 book-ins and 13 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total inmate count was 135.

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

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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, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 06/07/2021 & payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 05/29/2021. Eppley made a motion to approve. Dawes seconded; it passed by a 2-0 vote.
2. Fines & Forfeitures to the state in the amount of \$11,112.68; 2021 Supplemental Operating Levy 2021 in the amount of \$273,110.00; CVET Semi Annual Distribution in the amount of \$ 107,557.00; FIT Semi-Annual in the amount of \$88,241.10 and June LIT Distribution in the amount of \$1,176,641.58. Eppley made a motion to approve all distributions. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 2-0 vote.

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, June 14, 2021.

Also present: *In-person*: First Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Melissa Ford, and Sam McFadden. *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess and Bat Phone.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman

/s/Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman

/s/Brian K. Haupert

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor