

June 28, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 28, 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 June 21, 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, requested permission to apply for the 2022 Justice Partners Grant, Justice Reinvestment Grants/Indiana Department of Correction Grants, including the Community Corrections, Court Recidivism Re-Entry Court, Drug Court, Probation and Jail Treatment Services.

Mike Howard, Plan Commission director, requested a Moratorium Ordinance 2021-85-08 regarding Commercial Solar. This is an ordinance imposing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for commercial solar energy systems that shall expire upon adoption of an ordinance regulating the installation of commercial solar energy systems, or September 30, 2021, whichever occurs first. Haupert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-08; Eppley seconded; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-85-08 on the second reading. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, was present with nothing to report.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, currently has 85 inmates, with 27 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 25 in the Tipton County Jail and 6 in the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 89. The total inmate count was 142.

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

Mark Frantz, County Attorney, was present with nothing to report.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented the Covered Bridge Certification Request received from the Auditor of State. The Covered Bridge Certification states we have two bridges per IC 8-14-1-10.

Dawes said the requested security upgrades on behalf of the Judges would be funded by Cum Cap- Building Repairs.

Dawes said the recommendation for salary increases from the Commissioners for the 2022 budget is 2.5%. Please Note: Council can change this amount during the budgeting process.

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Dawes asked if there were any 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 Tuesday July 6, 2021.

Also present: *In person*: First Deputy Shelly Baucco, Steve Johnson, Jed Dirk and Amanda Lawrence *Via Zoom*: Rob Burgess

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman

/s/Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman

/s/Brian K. Hauptert

Attest: /s/Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor