

December 27, 2021

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 27, 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 December 20, 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.

Phase III Sheriff Office and Jail Project bids: Terry Burnworth and the commissioners met with the bidders and reviewed the bids. The following is recommended:

Trade Package #	Trade Package Name	Recommended Lowest Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate #1 Steel Cells	Alternate #3 East Cell Block Steel Cells	Alternate #4 Courtroom Buildout	Total Award Amount
9	General Trades	Kettelhut	\$ 17,124,000.00	\$ 1,656,000.00	\$ 1,021,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 19,926,000.00
23	Mech + Plumbing	QPH	\$ 6,433,000.00	\$ (268,000.00)	\$ 127,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 6,356,000.00
26	Electrical	D&D Electric	\$ 3,750,642.00	\$ (53,380.00)	\$ (21,800.00)	\$ 52,686.00	\$ 3,728,148.00
Totals			\$ 27,307,642.00	\$ 1,334,620.00	\$ 1,126,200.00	\$ 241,686.00	\$ 30,010,148.00

Change Order for Electrical			
No	Item	Cost factor	reason for CO
1	Change of security automation system to SAS	\$107,153.25	Rejected Security Control System (SCS) vendor
2	All electrical in East Cell Block	\$106,358.00	Add for Alternate #3 build out
Total for One Broadband Site		\$213,511.25	

It was decided that Alternate #2 would not be used because the cell blocks will be steel cells. The drawings and steel will be ordered as they take twenty weeks or more to receive. Eppley made a motion to approve the bids with Change Orders 1 and 2 as recommended. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Burnworth stated a pre-construction meeting will be held today at the worksite at 11:00 a.m. He will get the contracts to the county attorney for review. The preliminary overall project schedule is estimated to be completed in the 1st quarter of 2023.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, stated the annual bids have been reviewed by the county attorney. All were acceptable with the exception of West Plains Mining which did not include a signature. The missing signature has been remedied. Wyatt requested all bids be accepted. Hauptert made a motion to approve all bids as they are now. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 82 inmates, with 18 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, and 27 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 5 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total inmate count was 129.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney, reported that on 12/20/2021 the court in South Bend approved a Class Action Settlement with the ACLU. Sheriff Baker is aware he will have reports due each week showing the jail building progress and jail inmate population. Quarterly reports will also be due until the new jail is occupied. The judge awarded attorney fees of \$20,000, which is covered by the county's insurance.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Proposal for preparation of the Annual Countywide IV-D Cost Allocation Plans 2021-2023. The professional fees shall be \$5,280 each year which is \$15,840 for the term of the agreement with Malcon (Malinowski Consulting, Inc.) These fees can come from the IV-D county reimbursements. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. December settlement of \$437.50 for fines and fees that were missed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the additional amount. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/27/2021. Hauptert made a motion to approve. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard. Shepherd reported that the ADA Transition and Title VI Plans have been updated and are now on the county website. Dils noted that no complaints or concerns were received in 2021.

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, January 3, 2022.

Also present *in person*: Chief Deputy Shelly Bauccho, Interim Chief Probation Officer Trisha Hanes, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tyler Guenin, Councilman Phil Dale, Greg Harnish and *via Zoom*: Todd Derrell, Rob Burgess, Don Jarvis, Kandy Barker and Melanie Penn.

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