

**February 7, 2022**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 7, 2022. Commissioner Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Eppley, Jeff D. Dawes and Brian K. Hauptert. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the January 31, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

A public hearing was held to vacate a 16-foot-wide alley located between Lot 3 and 4 and between Lot 5 and 6 in the PE Wertenbergers Addition to the Town of Laketon. Mike Howard, Area Plan Director, presented for Donna Powell stating that notices were given. Neighbors Bruce and Carma Foster were present and in favor of vacating the alley. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-85-01 to vacate the alley. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Eppley presented a consulting contract with Wabash Scientific, Inc. The contract will help pull together multiple entities involved in the Heartland Adult Training Expansion Project. Dawes made a motion to approve the contract not to exceed \$25,000 to come out of the Economic Development fund. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a professional engineering services contract with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc for the 2022-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant. The contract for \$16,500 is for a mill and overlay project on 50 E between 500 S and America Road. Hauptert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated the jail currently has 83 inmates, with 29 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 14 in the Fulton County Jail and 29 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 19 book-ins and 3 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 91. The total inmate count was 146.

Bob Brown, County EMA Assistant Director, presented a disaster declaration to be submitted to the state which is good for seven days. Another document will be required to close out the declaration. Dawes made a motion to sign the letter subject to legal review. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mark Frantz, County Attorney representative, 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 allowances for docket ending 02/07/2022. Hauptert made a motion to approve all claims. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. LIT distribution for February \$1,113,834.50 to be disbursed to the county and other taxing units. Dawes made a motion to approve the distribution. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Resolution 2022-85-02 concerning prepaying accounts payable before approval in outlined cases. Hauptert made a motion to approve the resolution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Bond purchase agreement for lease rental revenue bonds for the county jail project. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

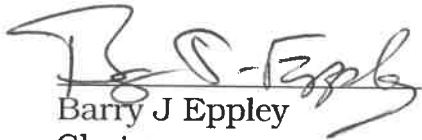
Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

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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 14, 2022.

Also present: *In person*: Chief Deputy Shelly Baucco and Chief Probation Officer Brian Swihart. *Via Zoom*: Kandy Barker, Joseph Slacian, Don Jervis, Rob Burgess and Melanie Penn.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor