

May 31, 2022

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 31, 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 May 23, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Brian Swihart, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to apply for a grant with Indiana Office of Court Services. The Family Recovery Court Grant application in the amount of \$91,519 is an advance grant. The same amount was received last year. The commissioners approved for Swihart to apply for the grant.

Alan Zimmerman, representative for the Public Defender Commission, requested permission to participate in the Federal entitlement program. Funding is from the Administration for Children and Families, Health and Human Services, Title IV E Foster Care. The purpose of the agreement is to enable the DCS to help fund legal representation to public defenders representing parents whose children are a candidate for Title IV-E foster care. Hauptert made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd for Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore under 400 W to restore service to 4295 S 400 W. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, stated that the jail currently has 89 inmates with 36 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 7 in the Fulton County Jail and 21 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 34 book-ins and 6 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 87. The total inmate count was 151.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director, reported a new round of grants is open. He would like to submit applications to replace both the DVR recording and security camera system at the courthouse and the department's pickup truck. The commissioners approved for Walters to apply for the grant.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 5/31/2022. Dawes made a motion to approve all claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. FIT (Financial Institution Tax) semi-annual distribution in the amount of \$157,612.91. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Supplemental LIT distribution for \$471,036.00 to be disbursed to the county and other taxing units. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. LIT distribution for June of \$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.
5. Change order for RQAW that had been approved (2/14/2022) to be signed.
6. Bond request for payment packet #6 for \$2,230.00. Hauptert made a motion to approve the payment. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

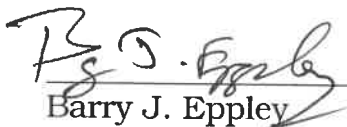
Eppley asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

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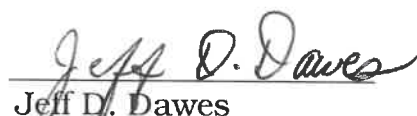
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 6, 2022.

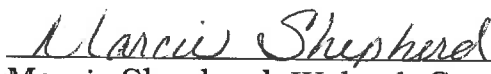
Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Jim Dils, Tyler Guenin and Steve Downs.
Via Zoom: Rob Burgess, Melanie Penn, Kandy Barker, Josh Goodman and Don Jervis.

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