

May 15, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 15, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Hauptert, Barry J. Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Terry Burnworth, Owner's Rep for the new jail, presented the following for approval:

1. Amendment #2 to Owner's Rep Contract extending it six months at a cost of \$120,000. Eppley made a motion to approve Amendment #2. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Contract for Pyramid Architecture/Engineering & Construction Administration for the new Wabash County Work Release Facility. The contract presented is only for the architecture fee of \$100,000. A B104-2017 Agreement will be sent out to bid in June for approval in July with construction to start in August. Hauptert stated his concern there currently is not an appropriated funding source. Dawes made a motion to approve the agreement pending approval from the County Council. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Sandy Beeks, Central Dispatch Director, presented an agreement with Ritter Strategic Services for \$7,200. Beeks explained that 911 call centers must have minimal training standards and Ritter will incorporate her department's SOP to cover these standards. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. An updated Internal Control Policy for the department. Dawes made a motion to approve the updated policy. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Right of way and road cut permits for NIPSCO to retire gas service at: 115 N Bridge St, Richvalley; 5459 W Old SR 24; 3025 S Old SR 15 and a road cut only at 20 N Bridge St., Richvalley. Eppley made a motion to approve all four permits. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 77 inmates, with 8 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 2 in the Fulton County Jail and 39 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 76. The total prisoner count was 123.

Chairman Hauptert reported that county attorney Steve Downs is researching the moratorium requested regarding solar installations. It will be on the agenda when it is ready for further discussion.

Jim Dils, Wabash County Coordinator/HR Director, presented:

1. The architect has reviewed the bids received 05/01/2023 for the courthouse tower/dome repair project. He has checked references and would like to prepare a contract with Lee Construction for \$696,960. The commissioners approved getting the contract ready but the funding source will need to be found.
2. A report on the remaining repairs to Memorial Hall which were approved last fall. The remaining roof snow and water barriers should be installed in June. Also, Atlas Building Services has arranged repair to several sections of sidewalk which were damaged during the previous masonry and roof project. During the that inspection it was determined several additional sidewalk repairs are needed including replacing the retaining wall and

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curbing near the handicapped parking spaces. Dils would like to use the same contractor to complete those repairs. The total estimated cost to the County is \$14,069.90. The lower plaza into the Judicial Center will need to be addressed at a later time. Eppley made a motion to approve the repairs for but the funding source will need to be found. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 05/15/2023. Dawes made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dr. David Roe, Wabash County Health Officer, reported the need for a new second vehicle for the department. Currently, when one employee needs to use a vehicle, they have to work out a schedule with other staff members, which limits what they can do. Roe also reported the current 2013 vehicle may need transmission repairs. Dawes said after reviewing the quotes provided, he would feel comfortable purchasing one new vehicle this year and reviewing the need again next year. Eppley made a motion to approve the purchase of a Jeep Compass for \$36,678.05. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

In public comment:

Cheryl Ross gave the commissioners a copy of The Paper (5/10/2023) so they could see a letter to the editor and thanked them for their time and for voting no on the proposed Ag1 change. Ross then spoke in favor of the moratorium which was requested on 5/8/2023.

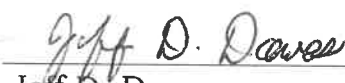
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 22, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Mark Frantz, Dave Nelson, Cynthia Donovan, Louella Krom, Nicky Burnsworth, Marcella Palmer, Bev Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Chris Ren, David Cotton Matt Winger and Gary Ridenour; *Via Zoom*: Amanda, Jade Hall, Melanie Penn, Connie, K Barker "farm life" and Don Jervis.

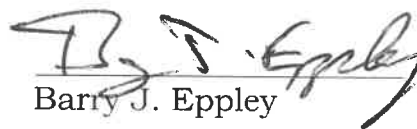
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