

July 3, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 3, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three commissioners present: Haupert, Jeff D. Dawes and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Laura Rager, Director, North Manchester Center for History, gave an update on NMCH funding and for what it has been used. NMCH is requesting financial support from the Wabash County budget in the amount of \$20,000 for 2024.

Terry Burnworth, Owner's Rep for the new jail project presented two change orders from Kettelhut;

1. Change order #09-15 for traffic gates - \$46,839. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Change order #09-16 for flashing around pavers - \$19,050. Dawes made a motion to approve the request. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, reported the jail currently has 86 inmates, with 19 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 10 in the Fulton County Jail and 42 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 17 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 96. The total prisoner count was 148.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 07/03/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances for pay period ending 6/24/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Requested for the Wabash County Clerk to purchase eight computers using the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund and Clerk's IV D Fund. The commissioners had no objections.
4. Request #30 to pay vendors out of the bond for the new jail \$1,085,653.41. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

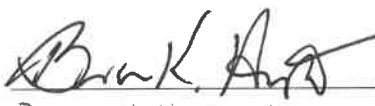
Haupert asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

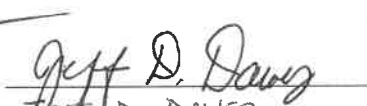
Cynthia Donovan, President, Roann Covered Bridge Association, stated the Breakfast on the Bridge (7/1/23) was a huge success. Eppley stated the county is still in the process of securing bids for the roof on the bridge.

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, July 10, 2023.


Also present: Louella Krom, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Chris Hickman, Suzanne Peebles, Marcella Palmer, Cheryl Ross, Tyler Guenin and Wabash Mayor Scott Long. *Via Zoom:* Melanie Penn, Amanda and Don Jervis.

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