

October 2, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 2, 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 September 25, 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.

Cheryl Evenson, Clerk of the Courts presented an agreement with Eagle Accounts to collect outstanding court cost and fines. There is no cost to the County for this program. Eagle Accounts collects the fees and remits the county portion to the county. This is a one-year contract that can be renewed annually. Evenson said Probation will also handle collections thru Eagle Accounts. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

1. Kettelhut - Change Order 09-18 (\$6,332.00): add covers on expansion joints and cut and cap concrete floor drains. Dawes made a motion to approve the change order. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
Change Order 09-19 (\$14,051.00): 4 additional bunks on the 1st floor. Eppley made a motion to take the change order under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Quality Plumbing and Heating - Change Order 09-13 (\$14,834.00): additional time to do floor corrections.
Change Order 09-14 (\$9,512.00): move condensation line from roof to inside the building.
Change Order 09-15 (3,737.00): fix floor drains not in the correct positions.
Dawes made a motion to approve the change orders for Quality Plumbing & Heating. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. D & D Electric - Change order 26-04 (\$6,292.46): run power to the nitrogen system, hook-up extra water heater and rework rough-ins for Unit A.
Change order 26-05 (\$13,611.59): run permanent power to the County Barn.
Change order 26-06 (\$1,659.96): move the generator docking station.
Change order 26-07 (\$5892.68): run electric to the flag pole and sign for lighting.
Change order 26-08 (\$15,233.52): run power to the grinder.
Change order 26-09 (\$10,310.00): install 120 volt panel in the pit required by Indiana American Water for the sump pump.
Change order 26-10 (\$3,225.00): rework some rough-ins in rooms 1101, 1103, 1100 and 1000.
Eppley made a motion to approve the change orders for D&D Electric. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Change order 26-11 (\$33,800.00): Purchase Body Worn Camera System that will integrate into the building's SAS system. Eppley made a motion to approve the system pending the determination of a funding source. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Right of way permit application from Frontier Communications to connect service at 2325 W Division Road. Eppley made a motion to approve the permit. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Temporary road closure request from Water Wheel on 50 E ¼ mile north of 800 S and ¼ mile west of 100 E. The closure will be October 9th thru October 23rd depending on the weather. Eppley made a motion to approve the closure. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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3. Requested the commissioners accept the bid from Southeastern Equipment Company for the purchase of a chip spreader (September 18, 2023). Eppley made a motion to approve the bid for \$409,350.00. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin for the Wabash County Sheriff presented: the jail currently has 85 inmates with 10 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 28 in the Fulton County Jail, 17 in the Cass County Jail and 27 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 14 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 85. The total prisoner count was 152.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 10/02/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Jail Bond Packet #33 for \$530,254.29 to be dispersed to vendors. Eppley made a motion to approve the disbursement. 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.

Tyler Guenin, requested an update on the roof of the new jail. Hauptert stated they are working through the process but it is not going as quickly as they would like.

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 Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Dave Nelson, Steve Downs, Brian Swihart, Keith Walters, Cheryl Ross, Louella Krom, Marcella Palmer, Chris Hickman, Gary Ridenour, Bill Burnsworth and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: Theda Metzger, Melanie Penn, Kandi C, Jade Hall, Connie and Don Jervis.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor