

## October 23, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 23, 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 October 16, 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.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented:

1. Task Order #12 with United Consulting to study the vacating of a roadway at 800 S 650 W. Eppley made a motion to approve Task Order #12 not to exceed \$750. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Requested approval to have the highway department's annual bids opened on December 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Eppley made a motion to approve the date and time of the bid opening. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Keith Walters, County EMA Director, presented the EMPG Salary Reimbursement Grant for 2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the grant application. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, reported he is in discussions with North Manchester on an interlocal agreement for ambulance service. The current five-year agreement ends on 12/31/2023. Downs stated the county has a similar agreement with the Wabash City which also ends on 12/31/2023. Downs was unaware if any negotiations have begun with the city. The commissioners requested he speak with the city regarding the renewal of their agreement.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 10/23/2023. 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/allowances and withholdings for pay period ending 10/14/2023. Dawes made a motion to approve the payroll and withholdings. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Jail Bond Packet #34 for \$175,521.01 to be dispersed to vendors. Eppley made a motion to approve. 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.

The meeting was held in recess until the advertised time of bid openings for mowing/spraying.

At 9:15 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to begin the bid-opening process. Dawes made a motion to close the bids. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The following bids were received:

S & M Contractor LLC, Bremen, IN  
Mowing \$30 per C/L mile of roadway

Daltons Chemical Vegetation Control, North Webster, IN  
Item #2: ROW Spraying \$109 per center line Mile Spraying.  
Item #3: Guardrail Spraying \$0.16 per lineal foot, furnished and applied

Right-Of-Way-Turf-Ornamental, Inc., Columbus, IN.  
Mowing \$174.00 per C/L mile for 700 C/L miles.

Eppley made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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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, October 30, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Baucco, Louella Krom, Stephen Downs and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: Brian Swihart, Chris Hickman, Melanie Penn, Jade Hall, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.

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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor