

October 30, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, October 30, 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 23, 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 right of way and road cut permits from NIPSCO to retire service at 35 W Tanner Street, 3428 E 1450 N and 10246 N 700 W. Eppley made a motion to approve the permits for NIPSCO. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff presented:

1. The jail currently has 75 inmates with 9 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 16 in the Fulton County Jail, 23 in the Cass County Jail and 18 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 11 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 86. The total prisoner count was 140.
2. A request to install the 365 Phone System in the new jail. Baker explained that there is no contract, only a monthly fee. Baker reported this is a different vendor than the current jail uses. No action was taken.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, reported the North Manchester interlocal agreement for ambulance service should be ready in a couple of weeks. Downs reported he reached out to the City of Wabash attorney concerning the ambulance contract with the City. They are working on that agreement.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 10/31/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Riverboat Distribution for \$32,025.40 to be dispersed. 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.

Commissioner Hauptert stated he wanted to express condolences on behalf of the county and that our thoughts and prayers are with the family and co-workers of Aaron Burton.

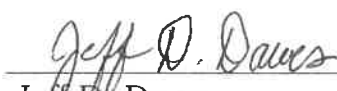
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 6, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Cheryl Ross, Marcella Palmer, Bill Burnsworth and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: Brian Swihart, Theda Metzger, Karsten Kersey, Connie, Melanie Penn, Jade Hall, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.

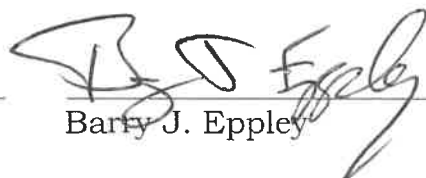
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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor