

November 6, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 6, 2023. Chairman Brian K. Haupert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Haupert, Barry J. Eppley and Jeff D. Dawes. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the October 30, 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.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County CoA, presented the 3rd quarter 5311 Operating Grant claim submitted to INDOT for federal reimbursement of \$59,121 and state reimbursement of \$13,741. Ferry reported they had a local match of \$45,381. Eppley and Ferry have set-up a time for Eppley to conduct a review and update. The commissioners signed the claim.

Terry Burnworth, Owner's rep for the new jail project, presented;

1. Pyramid contract extension for \$80,000 and A&E work for a membrane roof for \$40,000. The roof is to be installed by Midland Engineering once the plans are finalized. Downs asked if we had a cost for the roof yet. Burnworth reported they are working on that including the sally port canopy. Once it is designed, he will be able to have a revised quote on the roof. Burnworth said the roof can be installed after the jail is open. Eppley made a motion to take the contract extension and AE contract under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Substantial completion certificates for Kettelhut, QPH & D&D are prepared and ready for attorney review. Burnworth stated the move-in date could be within two weeks. Eppley made a motion to take the certificates under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Gaunt & Son contract for bid awarded on December 12, 2022 for \$997,715, along with Change Order 32 AC-01 (final stone) to deduct \$20,200 from the contract. Dawes made a motion to approve the deduction and have the county attorney review the contract. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Change Order 09-18, Kettelhut to add hardware for a door that was not properly specified for \$6,808. Eppley made a motion to approve the change order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. Change Order 23-16, Quality Heating and Plumbing for exhaust units in two breakrooms not listed in the plans for \$10,368. Eppley made a motion to approve the change order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. Change Order 23-17, Quality Heating and Plumbing for insulation for 5 mini splits not listed on the plans for \$3,979. Eppley made a motion to approve the change order. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
7. BIS Digital, proposal for installation of video arraignment (\$12,381.81) and courtroom (\$23,732.17) equipment. Eppley made a motion to take the proposal under advisement. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tenille Zartman, Vice President of Grow Wabash County, requested funding of \$10,000. Zartman said \$5,000 is for technology upgrades, \$2,500 for the NEI Japan Summit (Wabash is hosting) and \$2,500 for office upgrades. Eppley made a motion to approve the request from the EDIT fund. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Hauptert, for Clerk of the Courts, presented agreements for absentee voting poll workers Marianne Blair and Karen Huber. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreements. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Next on the agenda was the appointment of Keli Cordill and Deb Conner to the Wabash County Tourism Commission. Eppley made a motion to approve the appointments. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin for the Wabash County Sheriff presented:

1. The jail currently has 79 inmates with 9 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 14 in the Fulton County Jail, 20 in the Cass County Jail and 17 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 12 book-ins and 8 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 92. The total prisoner count was 139.
2. The 365 Phone System contract for the new jail. The contract has one-time fees of \$4,237.44 for handsets and network configuration along with an \$7,673.10 fee for Intrasect to install the system. The monthly fee for the contract will be \$1,260. Eppley made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Downs, Wabash County Attorney, reported the North Manchester interlocal agreement is ready for signatures as soon as North Manchester is ready.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:


1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 11/06/2023. 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 10/28/2023. Dawes made a motion to approve the payroll and withholdings. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. LIT monthly distribution in the amount of \$1,245,521.67. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Request of approval for CASA to apply for the State GAL/CASA- MG/CG grants. This is a request for an advance grant of \$26,895. Eppley made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

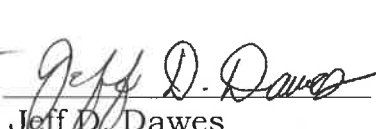
Hauptert asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns; none were heard.

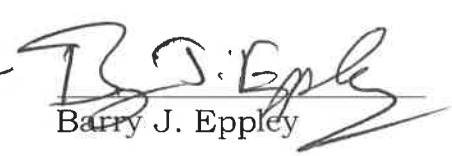
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Cole Wyatt, Dave Nelson, Cheryl Ross, Marcella Palmer, Chris Hickman, Penny Tackett, Bill Burnsworth and Nicky Burnsworth; *Via Zoom*: Brian Swihart, Theda Metzger, 82860978566, Connie, Melanie Penn, Kandi C, Kandy Barker and Don Jervis.

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Attest: 
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor