

November 27, 2023

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 27, 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 November 20, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Adam Penrod, North Manchester Town Manager, was invited to speak about the ambulance service in the northern part of the county. Penrod stated the county has had an interlocal agreement for ambulance service for about 20 years. The Town put out a Request for Bid for the ambulance service and Parkview was the only bid received. Penrod said the Town of North Manchester has a good relationship with Parkview.

In 2020, an advisory commission was formed to oversee the ambulance service due to complaints which had been received. It consisted of all fire chiefs in the covered area, Brian Hauptert, Adam Penrod and Parkview personnel to meet quarterly at the Public Safety Building to review coverage issues and procedures.

Carla with Parkview Wabash Hospital EMS and Jim White gave a presentation. Parkview will staff two (2) ambulances, one (1) at North Manchester and one (1) at Silver Lake along with a Paramedic Chase. Parkview had 2,995 actual runs in 2022 and is projecting over 3,000 in 2023. The call response times averaged 13 minutes or less in 92.59% of the runs, which is better than the national average of 90%. The call response percentage arriving on-scene in less than 10 minutes was 51% and for 11-15 minutes was 15%. Four percent of the calls had on-scene arrival times of 16-20 minutes and 4% at more than 20 minutes; some of those last 4% had mapping issues and/or ambulances were already on a call. Parkview is working on the mapping issues. Carla reported Parkview is currently fully staffed and completed training on new medical guidelines in September.

Kyle Rowe, Pleasant Township Fire Chief, had questions concerning Parkview's response times. Rowe stated he had not been invited to the quarterly meeting due to a wrong email. Carla asked for and received Rowe's personal e-mail so he can be notified of the quarterly meetings.

Matt Enyeart read a letter concerning a wellness check in Huntington County. Enyeart also asked questions regarding the contract from five (5) years ago. Penrod did not have that information with him regarding that timeframe. Enyeart asked if we could do a one (1) year contract. Hauptert said for continuity they will keep a five (5) year contract.

Cheryl Ross asked the cost of the agreement. Hauptert said it starts at \$12,810 per month for the county and increases each year, ending at \$14,070.

Hauptert thanked everyone for their questions. Eppley made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for ambulance service. 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 9 additional being housed in the Miami County Jail, 14 in the Fulton County Jail, 19 in the Cass County Jail and 26 in the Tipton County Jail. Last week there were 21 book-ins and 7 transports to other facilities. The peak population was 85. The total prisoner count was 153.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 11/27/2023. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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2. A quote from Grant Drywall to make repairs around the new windows at the judicial center. Dawes made a motion to approve the quote of \$5,408. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. A quote from Quality Electric to replace the three (3) heating units near the exterior doors on the first floor of the courthouse. Eppley made a motion to approve their quote of \$24,000. 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.

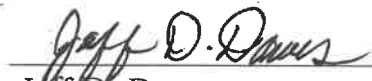
With no other public comment or other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, December 4, 2023.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Louella Krom, Kerri Walton, Chad Ouen, Carla Gilbert, Sern Strasser, Nick Cole, Sandy Beeks, Tyler Niccum and Phil Dale. *Via Zoom*: CAR, Connie, Jade Hall, Kandy Barker, K Brainard, Suzanne Peebles, Ashlie Schlemmer, 828-6097-8566, Chris Hickman and Don Jervis.

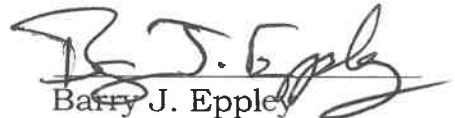
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