

February 26, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, February 26, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert, and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the February 19, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Hauptert 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, requested approval for Primary Election Day voting locations. All are handicap accessible. A registered voter may visit at any of the following locations on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.:

1. Zion Lutheran Church; 173 Hale Drive, Wabash, IN 46992
2. First United Methodist Church; 110 N. Cass Street, Wabash, IN 46992
3. Lagro Town Hall; 230 Buchanan Street, Lagro, IN 46941
4. Roann Town Hall; 110 Chippewa Street, Roann, IN 46974
5. Town Life Center; 603 North Bond Street, North Manchester, IN 46962
6. LaFontaine/Liberty Fire Dept; 12 S. Wabash Ave., LaFontaine, IN 46940
7. Pleasant Township Fire Dept; 10459 North Ogden Road, Laketon, IN 46943

Early voting will be held in the Clerk's office in the Wabash County Judicial Center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., April 9 through noon May 6, 2024. Saturday early voting will be;

- April 27, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Clerk's office, Judicial Center
- April 27, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – LaFontaine/Liberty Fire Dept.
- May 4, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Clerk's office, Judicial Center
- May 4, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – North Manchester, Town Life Center

The commissioners approved the voting locations.

Commissioner Dawes reported two quotes have been received for masonry repairs on the west side of the courthouse. Atlas quoted \$125,773 and Trisco Systems quoted \$142,878. Hauptert made a motion to approve the quote from Atlas for \$125,773. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Dawes stated estimates for plaster repairs in the courthouse will be tabled until more information is received.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent, presented a right-of-way permit from Racer Seismic Surveys, LLC. Wyatt reported the project consists of approximately 32 miles of 2D seismic acquisitions around SR 13 and 800 N. Hauptert made a motion to approve the right-of-way permit. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Jim Dils, Coordinator/HR Director, presented a request from the Indiana Department of Child Services to place blue pinwheels on the courthouse lawn in April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention month. The commissioners approved the request.

Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor, presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 02/26/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims/allowances and withholdings for pay period ending 02/17/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

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

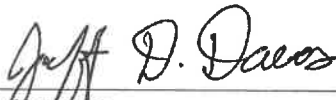
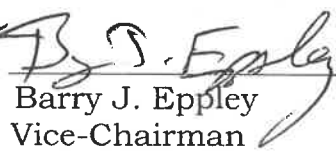

Dawes reported, according to Terry Burnworth, the new roof on the jail is 75% complete. Weather permitting, it should be finished in a couple of weeks.

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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, March 4, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Mark Frantz, Keith Walters, Louella Krom, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ross, Tyler Niccum, Barry Stroup and Dave Nelson.
Via Zoom: Connie, Jade Hall, KBarker, Phone, bhegel, Chris Hickman, Tami Hickman and Shook.

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

 _____ Jeff D. Dawes Chairman	 _____ Barry J. Eppley Vice-Chairman	 _____ Brian K. Haupert
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Attest: 

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor