

## September 9, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, September 9, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes, Brian K. Hauptert and Barry J. Eppley present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd. The minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Petition to vacate a portion of ground in the north half of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 6 East in Pleasant Township and being more particularly described as follows: All that portion of County Road 150 West lying between the north line of County Road 950 North and the south line of County Road 1000 North in Pleasant Township. Brian Campbell, Area Plan Director, along with Kurt Kurtzhals and Joe Vogel requested to vacate the ground described above. With no comments from the public, Eppley made a motion to approve the vacate with Ordinance 2024-85-04. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-04 on second reading. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Mark Frantz, Wabash County Attorney presented Ordinance 2024-85-05 regarding security for the Wabash County Judicial Center. Frantz explained the ordinance will give the security personal something to hand out if questioned about the rules of the building. Hauptert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-85-05. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-05 on second reading. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent presented a utility permit from NIPSCO to expand the main at 1042 W 500 N. Hauptert made a motion to approve the permit. Eppley seconded the motion it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented the August 2024 jail report. Total prisoner counts 157, female prisoners housed 31, male prisoners housed 126. There were 88 prisoners booked, 20 transports, 32 DNA collection, and 22 fingerprints were ordered by the courts.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 09/09/2024. 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 and allowances plus withholdings for pay period ending 08/31/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the claims. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Riverboat distribution in the amount of \$113,441.37. Hauptert made a motion to approve the distribution as presented. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. The September LIT distribution for \$1,475,186.34 to be disbursed to the county taxing units. Eppley made a motion to approve the distribution. 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.

Review Items:

IDEM Notice: Metal Source – Approval – Permit Approval

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission – Meeting Agenda 09/11/24,


Meeting Minutes 07/10/2024


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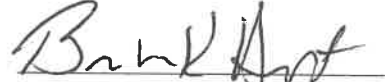
Cheryl Evenson, Wabash County Clerk reported the postage meter in the Clerk's office will be unable to add postage by the end of September, due to the age on the meter. Evenson presented a purchase request for new postage meter with the cost of \$114.84 quarterly; Maintenance of \$398.65 and the annual cost of \$5,247.95. Haupert made a motion to approve the agreement subject to attorney review. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

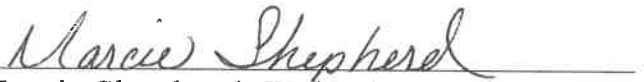
Hauptert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Also present: *In person*: Shelly Bauccho, Keith Walters, Dave Nelson, Cynthia Donovan, Bill and Nicky Burnsworth, Louella Krom, Beth Johnson, Chris Hickman and Cheryl Ross. *Via Zoom*: kbarker, Theda Metzger, Blake Huston, Don Jarvis, Rich Mofield, 828 6097 8566 and Phone.

  
Jeff D. Dawes  
Chairman

  
Barry J. Eppley  
Vice-Chairman

  
Brian K. Haupert

Attest:   
Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor