

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Wabash County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tyler Niccum called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with all three Commissioners present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tyler Niccum, Jeff D. Dawes, and Cheryl Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT IN PERSON: Shelly Bauccho, Emily Myers, Mark Frantz, Ryan Baker, Kimberly Lundmark, Brian and Cheryl Ridgeway, Louella Krom, Marcie Shepherd, Dave Terflinger, Keith Walters, Katie Jordan, Nicky Burnsworth, Bill Burnsworth.

VIA ZOOM: Zoom attendees are listed as they appeared in the Zoom participant panel. Don Jervis
The proceedings were recorded by Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The minutes of the August 31, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Katie Jordan, District Service Officer, North East Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

Katie Jordan, District Service Officer appeared before the board and reported the accomplishments of the local office, highlighting that 59 new veteran accounts were created in the previous fiscal year and reporting that the county received over \$13 million in direct VA expenditures and \$16 million in indirect VA expenditures in fiscal year 2024. It was noted that Angela could pursue accreditation as an accredited service officer, which would involve attending a training session in September. Jordan also clarified that there would be no additional cost to the county for Angela's accreditation, except potentially for additional compensation if deemed appropriate.

WABASH COUNTY SHERIFF

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff, appeared before the board to request approval of purchasing new police equipment, including 30 weapons, 25 holsters, and 3 weapon-mounted lights, totaling \$41,702. Sheriff Baker noted that 25 deputies are currently on staff but that additional weapons are maintained as spares in the event of malfunction or when a weapon is placed out of service during a police action shooting investigation. The County Auditor confirmed that funding would require a budget transfer with council and that council members had been made aware. Ross made a motion to approve Sheriff Baker to sign the contract for the firearms purchase. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor, presented the following:

1. **Accounts Payable** — Claims and allowances for docket ending 9/8/26 were presented for approval. Ross made a motion to approve the claims and allowance docket. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
 2. **Payroll Claims** — Claims and allowances, including withholdings, for the pay period ending 8/29/26 were presented for approval. Ross made a motion to approve the payroll claims and allowances. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
 3. **LIT Distribution** — The September LIT Distribution in the amount of \$1,411,943.16 was presented for approval. Ross made a motion to approve the September LIT Distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.
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No Reports were presented by the County Highway Superintendent, County Attorney, County EMA Director or County Coordinator/HR Director

OLD BUSINESS

Niccum asked if there were any old business to discuss. None were heard

ADA / TITLE VI

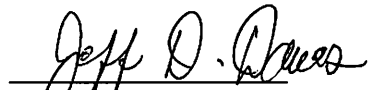
Niccum asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

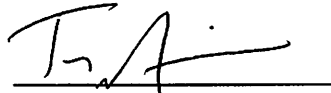
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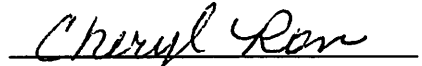
Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. Wastewater Utility Improvements

ADJOURNMENT

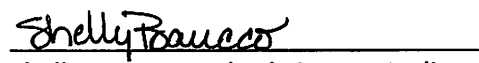
Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 AM. Dawes seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 21, at 9:00 AM.


Jeff D. Dawes


Tyler Niccum, Chairman


Cheryl Ross

ATTEST:


Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor