

## January 21, 2025

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 3:00pm with Dawes, Tyler Niccum, and Cheryl Ross present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

The minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

In new business:

1. Resolution 2025-85-01 Authorizing the County Highway Superintendent to Administratively Review Applications for Permits. This will allow Cole Wyatt to preview and grant permits internally. Niccum made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-85-01. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Ordinance No. 2025-85-01 Regarding Prepayment of Certain Claims. Bauccho indicated that the ordinance is so that claims can be paid every week since meetings are now every other week. Niccum made a motion to approve the Ordinance No. 2025-85-01. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Niccum made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. Ross made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-01 on second reading. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
3. Ordinance 2025-85-02 Repealing Ordinance No. 2012-85-18 and Regulating Onsite Sewage Systems. Rich Mofield indicated that in 2023 the State of Indiana struck down all County septic ordinances in the State and now they have a Technical Review Panel that they all will have to go thru. Currently Wabash County does not currently have a septic ordinance. Niccum made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-02. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote. Ross made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote. Ross made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-02 on second reading. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
4. QPH-Annual HVAC/Mechanical PM Contract Renewal for 2025. Marcie Shepherd indicated that the contract is the same as last year, it just automatically renews. Niccum made a motion to accept the Contract renewal with QPH. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.
5. Dan Gray – AACTION Grant indicated that the AACTION funds that are received is County money that is awarded to the organization thru drug court fees. AACTION is to present grants to alcohol, tobacco, or drug-oriented organizations that have prevention and education programs in the community. He is asking that this be approved to award the funds to the organizations. Ross asked if there was an AACTION Board of Members and Gray indicated that those that are receiving the funds are required to be a part of the Board. Ross then asked if there were minutes and if they would be able to see them and Gray indicated that yes. Niccum made a motion to approve the AACTION Grant. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Requested that for the bids for the 1100 N reconstruction project that were opened at the last meeting, that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder which is E & B Paving in the amount of \$916,354.28. Niccum made a motion to accept the bid for E & B Paving for \$916,354.28. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented an agreement with Butler, Fairman & Seifert in the amount of \$4,700.00 to prepare the Community Crossings project for America Road. Niccum made a motion to accept the agreement with Butler, Fairman & Seifert in the amount of \$4,700.00. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator/HR, indicated that she has two quotes for moving the fire panel at 79 W. Main Street. The two quotes are from Priority One in the amount of \$24,584 and

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Cottage Watchman in the amount of \$24,345.30. Included in the Cottage Watchman is six months of the monthly fee which is \$50 for monitoring of the system. The fire panel needs to be moved to the opposite side of the wall so they will be trying to utilize the existing wire as much as they can, and if not, there may be additional cost. Ross asked if it is ready to be moved and if the wall that it would be moved to will not be removed. Shepherd indicated that the wall will not be removed. Niccum made a motion to accept the lowest bid, which is Cottage Watchman. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor presented:

- 1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 01/13/2025 and 01/21/2025. Niccum made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
- 2. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 01/04/2025. Niccum made to accept the payroll claims. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Niccum indicated they had a contract for the mapping system for the Assessor’s Office. It is an agreement with Woolpert’s in the amount of \$42,367.79 for aerial imaging. This agreement has already been funded it just needs to be presented. Niccum made a motion to accept the contract, pending legal review. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by 3-0 vote.

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

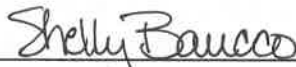
Niccum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person:* Rich Mofield, Chris Straub, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Dave Nelson, Tyler Guenin, Dan Gray, Mayor Scott Long, Kimberly Lundmark and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom:* Connie, Theda Metzger, CLA, bhegel, AKline, phone, Suzanne Peebles, and Amanda Shambarger.

  
Jeff D. Dawes

  
Tyler Niccum

  
Cheryl Ross

Attest:   
Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor