

March 17, 2025

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, March 17, 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 March 3, 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.

Brian Campbell, Director of Plan Commission, presented Ordinance 2025-85-05, Vacating a portion of Walnut Street, Richvalley, Indiana, and the continuation of Isaac Keller's addition to Richvalley. Campbell indicated that they property is currently not being used. The only utilities on the property are overhead utilities. There have been trees planted in the lot and there is no way for anyone to get thru the property currently. They are requesting the section from Jefferson Street West to the west edge of their lots. It will just be a portion of the roadway adjacent to the lots. Niccum asked if both neighbors wanted it and Campbell indicated that Mr. Streeter wanted the whole street for himself but then after speaking with the South adjoiner, they discussed that they both wanted it vacated. Niccum made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-85-05 Vacating a portion of Walnut Street in Richvalley. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Bauccho reported for the Highway Department acknowledging that the road cut fee was waived for CTL Engineering-Collaboration with United Engineering working on a project for the City of Wabash. In addition, they then acknowledge an agreement with Butler, Fairman & Seufert was signed for DES 2003065-Wabash County Bridge 143, for Construction Inspected Services and was submitted to INDOT.

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff presented,

1. A grant proposal for a state reimbursement grant for Operation Pullover in the amount of \$69,000. Niccum made a motion to approve the grant proposal. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. A contract for Caliber for the Co-Wide RMS Reporting System. They had previously had Cushings, which they had previously outgrown. The contract is for the Sheriff's Department and Central Dispatch. The Council previously approved the contract at their February meeting. Niccum made a motion to approve the contracts. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Marcie Shepherd, HR/County Coordinator:

1. Presented a license agreement for approval with Manchester Alive Historic Preservation and Design Committee requesting permission to close the Manchester Covered Bridge on March 28, 2025, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm to give out awards to homeowners and businesses for outstanding preservation efforts. Shepherd indicated that she ran it past Mark and he advised her what to do for the license to cover the Manchester Covered Bridge. Niccum asked if there would be a detour set-up for that during the closure and Shepherd indicated they would have to co-ordinate that with Mike Rehak, the Highway Department. Ross made a motion to approve the agreement. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Presented an estimate from Jones Contracting to replace the supply lines and ball valves in the 39 units in the other building. She indicated that the cooling tower project is underway, it was started on today's date. They will be shutting down the heating and the air to the building and the next building on Wednesday. Then on Friday, the parking lot will be closed as they will be pulling the cooling towers and then on the 26th of March they will be coming back and placing the new cooling towers. While the system is down,,that is when they would like to have Jones Contracting to come in to work in the other building. Shepherd indicated that they were only able to obtain one quote. The estimate is in the amount of \$48,830.40. Shepherd indicated that they Auditor has found a budgeting source for the cost. Ross made a motion to accept the estimate. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Shelly Baucio, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 03/10/2025 and 03/17/2025. 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 03/01/2025. Niccum made a motion to accept the payroll claims. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. The March LIT Distribution to be disbursed to the taxing units, in the amount of \$1,431,323.76. Ross made a motion to approve the March LIT Distribution. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Under review items, Dawes indicated that they had a meeting agenda for the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission and IDEM Notices.

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, April 7, 2025, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person:* Nicky Burnsworth, Dave Nelson, Kimberly Lundmark, Louella Krom, Mike Rehak, Tyler Guenin, Dave Terflinger, Jenn Hicks, Greg Harnish, Pam Hawkins, Mike Hawkins, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom:* Connie, Suzanne Peebles (2), akline, Theda Metzger, and Amanda Shambarger.


Jeff D. Dawes


Tyler Niccum


Cheryl Ross

Attest: 
Shelly Baucio, Wabash County Auditor

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