

**May 5, 2025**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, May 5, 2025. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 3:00am with Dawes, and Cheryl Ross present. Tyler Niccum attended via Zoom. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Shelly Baucco.

The minutes of the April 21, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Beverly Ferry, Chief Executive Office of Living Well in Wabash County CoA, Inc:

1. Presented the documentation for the 5311 – 2025 First Quarter Operating Claim and she discussed the process of the claim. The amount they are submitting is \$110,792, with the total for funds available is \$595,782. She indicated that INDOT is changing the budget process with Living Well now telling the State what they need.
2. Resolution 2025-85-02, Authorizing Resolution to apply for the 5311/5339 Transit Grant. Ross made a motion to approve the Resolution 2025-85-02. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

Alex Downard, President/CEO of Community Foundation of Wabash County:

1. Presented a letter that will kick-off the environmental review process of Daniel's Place Project in North Manchester which is a part of the Stellar Pathways program. The letter is from Mike Kleinpeter, who is the certified grant administrator that they have partnered with for the Stellar process. The letter is allowing Mike to act on the Counties behalf to start the process that OCRA requires. The County is not financially at risk as it is just acting as the pass-through system for the money. The County's only risk would be if the facility closed within five years, it would be responsible to pay back the pro-rated amount of the grant award that had come through. Ross made a motion to approve the letter. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote
2. Presented an annual update of Imagine One 85. He indicated that it was adopted in 2022 by all the cities and towns and the County. Imagine One 85 started as an effort of the Community Foundation of Wabash County and completed a study showing four decades of population loss to the County. He highlighted collaborative efforts across the local governments. Downard reported that the County now holds the Imagine One 85 and are still working on what renewals will look like going forward. He presented a hand-out to Commissioners regarding the update, that will be posted on <https://www.in.gov/counties/wabash/departments/commissioners/>

Marcie Shepherd, HR/County Coordinator:

1. Presented quotes from Jones Contracting to replace air conditioning units in various locations, including the Courthouse (\$22,263.28), 4 units in the Old Jail building that includes Community Corrections (79 W. Main Street) (\$58,290.40), Health Department (\$8,950.93) and Auditor's Office (\$32,024.70). Shepherd indicated that when they removed the sludge in some units, they then discovered multiple leaks. Shepherd indicated that the focus is on the Plan Commission office and Server room, which includes the area outside the second-floor elevator. Ross made a motion to approve the quote for the Courthouse and to table the additional quotes until additional quotes can be obtained. Ross also asked the Auditor to find the funding source. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
2. Presented a quote from Novatek for the servicing of all generators, including the generators at the new Jail. The quote is for \$7,038.22 for the year. Ross made a motion to approve the quote. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
3. Presented a request to use the Covered Bridge on June 1, 2025, from the hours of 3pm to 5pm by Tabitha Fairchild. Ross made a motion to approve the request. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor presented:


1. Presented the Wabash County Jail monthly report for April, 2025.
2. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 04/28/2025, and 05/05/2025. Ross made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
3. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 04/26/2025. Ross made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
4. Fines & Forfeitures Distribution in the amount of \$6,965.50. Ross made a motion to approve the Fines & Forfeitures. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
5. Presented the WatchGuard Security Suite Renewal for 3 years from Intrasect in the amount of \$7,649.57. Ross made a motion to accept the renewal. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
6. LIT Distribution for the month of May, 2025, in the amount of \$1,431,323.76. Ross made a motion to approve the LIT Distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
7. CVET Distribution in the amount of \$111,816. Ross made a motion to approve the CVET Distribution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
8. Non-for-profit agreement with North Manchester Center for History. Ross made a motion to accept the non-for-profit agreement with North Manchester Center for History in the amount of \$5,000.00. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

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

Terflinger brought up some concerns about weight limits on culverts and bridges in Chester Township. It was discussed that an email should be sent to the Sheriff's Department.

Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 3:00pm.

Also present: *In person*: Kimberly Lundmark, Louella Krom, Mike Rehak, Tyler Guenin, Cheryl Ridgeway, Dave Terflinger, Nicky Burnsworth, Dave Nelson, John Pollard, Christine Flohr, Kim Shining, Chris Hickman, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom*: Connie, Amanda Shambarger, Don Jervis, phone, (no name), Tyler Niccum, Suzanne Peebles, Brian Swihart, and AKline.

  
Jeff D. Dawes

  
Tyler Niccum

  
Cheryl Ross

Attest:   
Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor