

**June 2, 2025**

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 2, 2025. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. with Dawes, Tyler Niccum, and Cheryl Ross present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

The minutes of the May 19, 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.

Jeff Patton, President/CEO of The ARC of Wabash County, gave an update on the programs and services available to Wabash County citizens who have developmental and intellectual disabilities. In addition, he reported on the various projects that they have coming up and reported on some expansions and growth for the future. Patton closed by thanking Wabash County for the support through the years and requested \$73,229.00 from the County for 2026, which the amount requested has remained the same since 2022.

Next on the agenda, PUBLIC HEARING ON an Ordinance Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Improvement Location Permits for Carbon Sequestration Projects:

After much discussion in opposition of the Moratorium and in favor of the Moratorium, Ross made a motion to approve the request for Moratorium as suggested by the Plan Commission. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-85-07**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON  
THE ISSUANCE OF IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMITS FOR  
CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County adopted Ordinance No. 2022-85-14, a Zoning Ordinance for the Unincorporated Areas of Wabash County, Indiana, and the Towns of LaFontaine, Lagro, and Roann, Indiana ("Zoning Ordinance")

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2022, the Governor of Indiana signed Public Law 163 (HB 1209) into law, which added IC 14-39-2 to the Indiana Code as a new chapter, which provided an authorization framework for carbon sequestration projects within Indiana.

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance currently fails to provide any regulations related to carbon sequestration projects within Wabash County, which omission constitutes a defect in the Zoning Ordinance that should be corrected before any improvement location permits for structures related to carbon sequestration projects in an any zoning district are issued.

WHEREAS, the Wabash County Plan Commission initiated a proposal to adopt an ordinance to impose a temporary moratorium on the issuance of improvement location permits for carbon sequestration projects, including any carbon dioxide transmission line, carbon dioxide injection well, storage facility, and all appurtenant facilities, in order to amend the Zoning Ordinance to address issues related to carbon sequestration projects.

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission timely gave notice to interested parties and held a public hearing in accordance with I.C. 36-7-4-604.

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission timely certified its recommendation on the proposal in accordance with I.C. 36-7-4-605, thereby recommending its adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. There is now imposed a temporary moratorium on the issuance of an improvement location permit for any structure related to any carbon sequestration project, including but not limited to any carbon dioxide transmission line, carbon dioxide injection well, storage facility, and all appurtenant facilities, in all zoning districts in the unincorporated areas of Wabash County, pending adoption of an ordinance amending the Wabash County Zoning Ordinance to provide regulations related to carbon sequestration projects within Wabash County.

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2. This Ordinance shall be effective in the unincorporated areas of Wabash County upon its adoption. This Ordinance shall be effective in the incorporated areas of the Towns of LaFontaine, Lagro, and Roann, Indiana upon its adoption by the appropriate legislative body.

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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 05/27/2025 and 06/02/2025. 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 05/24/2025. Niccum made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. Presented a quote from Intrasect for new computers in the amount of \$7,380.27. This is part of the 5-yr replacement policy.
4. Presented the FIT Distribution in the amount of \$78,743.91. This is distributed to the taxing units determined by the State of Indiana. Niccum made a motion to approve the FIT. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Cynthia Donovan, Roann Covered Bridge, came to report on the bridge and report that they are facing some challenges maintaining the covered bridge. They are asking for a swing gate to be placed at one end of the bridge, as the company applying the flame retardant are having troubles getting their equipment on the bridge. This matter was taken under advisement.

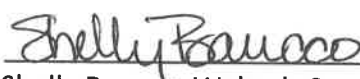
Niccum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 3:00pm.

Also present: *In person*: Dave Nelson, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Cole Wyatt, Dave Terflinger, Mark Frantz, Pete Brubaker, Josh Leffel, Kip Gaerte, Gene Custer, Ryan Hauptert, Cheryl Ridgeway, Clarissa Russell, Dave Cummings, Helene Seth, Chris Cherry, Nick Polak, Dan Metzger, Kristi Lundquist, Matt Ward, Tim Phelps, Susan Farcharzider, Keri Sauce, Preston Evans, Debra Elliott, Steve Runkle, Jay Reed, Michael Walz, Laura Grandstaff, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom*: Connie, Theda Metzger, Don Jervis, bswihart, bhegel, Amanda Shambarger, AKline, and Dan Krouse.

  
Jeff D. Dawes

  
Tyler Niccum

  
Cheryl Ross

Attest:   
Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor