

November 3, 2025

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, November 3, 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 October 20, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Niccum made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Rich Mofield, Wabash County Health Department, presented:

1. Health First Indiana Agreement renewal with Living Well in Wabash County. The only difference from last year is that it is for \$5,000 instead of \$7,500. The difference is due to funding cuts. It is for the out-of-county medical visits and he indicated the Health Board still wanted to fund that. Niccum made a motion to approve the renewal of the Health First Indiana Agreement with Living Well in Wabash County. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Certificates of Appointment for the County Health Board for January 1, 2026, thru December 31, 2029. He noted that it is a re-appointment for Carl Hall and Nick Hentgen to the Health Board and David Roe as the County Health Officer. Niccum made a motion to accept the re-appointments. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Auditor Shelly Bauccho presented the Wabash County Cyclical Reassessment Contract and asked that it be awarded to Nexus Group, which was the lowest bid. It is a 4-year contract. Niccum made a motion to accept Nexus Group as the Cyclical Reassessment Contract. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ryan Smith, Wabash County Highway Superintendent presented:

1. An update on the 2026 Community Crossings Matching Grant has all been submitted and the decisions will come back from INDOT in December. He reported that if they were awarded any of the three that were submitted it would be a three-month window for the start date.
2. He was meeting today in regards to the resurfacing project on 1100 North. He indicated the road will remain open during the project.
3. A crew will be in North Manchester assessing the damage to the Covered Bridge and recommends that they close the bridge to only pedestrian traffic and bicycles. He reported he has been working with the North Manchester School District and the city. Niccum made a motion to close the covered bridge in North Manchester. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tyler Guenin, Wabash County Sheriff's Department:

1. Reported on the Jail numbers for the month of October. Total prisoner counts 138, average female prisoners 32, average male prisoners 106, prisoners booked into jail 92, average bookings 80, Level 6 Felony sentenced females 6, Level 6 Felony sentenced males 11, prisoner transports 24, males transported to IDOC 6, females transported to IDOC 5, DNA collected from arrested felons 30, and misdemeanor fingerprints ordered by the Court 2.

Marcie Shepherd, County Coordinator/HR Director:

1. Presented two quotes for replacing the fencing around the trash containers and antenna at 79 W. Main Street. The quotes are: R & C Fencing for \$7,080 and Hill's Fencing for \$4,669.51. They will be making the fencing smaller around the antenna tower. Niccum made a motion to approve the quote from Hill's Fencing. Ross seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Reported that the corbel on the East entrance has been repaired and the door is now open.

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Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for dockets ending 10/27/2025 and 11/03/2025. Ross made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 10/25/2025. Ross made a motion to accept the payroll claims, allowances including withholdings. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. November LIT Distribution in the amount of \$1,431,323.76. Ross made a motion to approve the distribution of the LIT to taxing units. Niccum seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. Riverboat Distribution in the amount of \$42,204.43. Bauccho indicated that this is the third round. Ross made a motion to approve the Riverboat distribution to the taxing units. 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.

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, November 17, 2025, at 9:00am.

Also present: *In person:* Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Tenille Zartman, Cheryl Ridgeway, Kimberly Lundmark, Dave Nelson, Dan Metzger, Latheda Metzger, and Kandy Barker. *Via zoom:* Don Jervis, AKLINE, alyons, Amanda Shambarger, bswihart, iPhone, lgrandstaff, phone, and Laci.


Jeff D. Dawes


Tyler Niccum


Cheryl Ross

Attest: 
Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor