

WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Wabash County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Cheryl Ross called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with two Commissioners present and one Commissioner via Zoom (Tyler Niccum).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tyler Niccum (via Zoom), Jeff D. Dawes, and Cheryl Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT IN PERSON: Auditor Shelly Bauccho, Dave Nelson, Louella Krom, Cynthia Donovan, Kimberly Lundmark, Kim Shiningier, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Cheryl Ridgeway, Marcie Shepherd, Tyler Guenin, and Kandy Barker

VIA ZOOM: Chad Alexander, Don Jervis, Laura Grandstaff, Wabash Co. Plan Commission, Chris Hickman, Clarissa Russell, and Tyler Niccum

The proceedings were recorded by Auditor Shelly Bauccho.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The minutes of the May 4, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Dawes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

JDAI – FY2027 Grant Application Request

Auditor Bauccho presented the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Grant annual request. The Probation Department has been approved for \$65,000 and it is a fiscal grant with the grant period being from July, 2026 to June, 2027. Dawes made a motion to approve the grant request. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Ryan Smith, County Highway Superintendent, presented the following:

1. Contract for USI for Bridge #96 project for construction and inspection. Dawes made a motion to approve the contract. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
 2. CCMG Contract, which has been reviewed by Counsel and INDOT, for signature. Dawes made a motion to approve the contract. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
 3. Presented the Annual Report that was presented to INDOT. Dawes made a motion to accept the Annual Report. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
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COUNTY EMA

Keith Walters, Director, gave an update on the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that they have found some errors and they have sent it back for correction. The next phase will be to post the Plan on the website before being presented to FEMA.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Shelly Bauccho, Wabash County Auditor, presented the following:

1. **Accounts Payable** — Claims and allowances for dockets ending 05/11/2026 and 05/18/2026 were presented for approval. Dawes made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented.

Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

2. **Payroll Claims** — Claims and allowances, including withholdings, for the pay period ending 05/09/2026 were presented for approval. Dawes made a motion to approve the payroll claims and allowances. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll-call vote.

3. **Non-Profit Appropriation Agreement – North Manchester Center for History** – This is for the annual request for 2026 for \$5,000. Dawes made a motion to approve the agreement. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye; passed by a 3-0 roll-call vote.

ADA / TITLE VI

Ross asked if there were any ADA or Title VI concerns. None were heard.

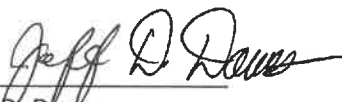
CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS REVIEWED

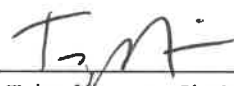
The Commissioners reviewed the following:

- Notice Wabash RDC Annual Entity Meeting
 - 2 Letters Opposed to CCS
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ADJOURNMENT

Dawes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 AM. Niccum seconded the motion; Roll call: Dawes — Aye; Niccum — Aye; Ross — Aye. passed by a 3-0 roll-call vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 9:00 AM.


Jeff D. Dawes


Tyler Niccum, Chairman


Cheryl Ross

ATTEST:


Shelly Baucio, Wabash County Auditor