

December 16, 2024

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, December 16, 2024. Chairman Jeff D. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Dawes, Brian K. Haupert and Barry J. Eppley present. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Auditor Shelly Baucco. The minutes of the December 9, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Haupert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County CoA, reported on the closeout from their 5311/5339 compliance review. The next scheduled compliance review will occur in 2028. She wanted to thank not only her board and staff, also Jeff and Shelly for their help with the compliance review. She presented a schedule of quarterly meetings for 2025.

Sandy Beeks, Director of Central Dispatch, presented a contract with J & K for \$7,394.62. The contract is for the back radios that run their console. The contract has been approved by counsel. Haupert made a motion to approve the contract. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

Tyler Guenin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented the November, 2024, jail report. Total prison count 128, female prisoners 25, male prisoners 103, 70 prisoners booked in, average number of bookings for the month 85, level 6 felony sentenced females 5, level 6 felony sentenced males 7, 27 prisoners transported, 19 males and 3 females transported to IDOC, DNA collected from arrested felons 31, and 5 misdemeanor fingerprints ordered by the Court.

Josh Petruniw presented Resolution No. 2024-85-08, Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate for the Town of Roann. Haupert made a motion to approve the resolution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

Eppley presented Resolution No. 2024-85-09, Resolution Amending the Employee Handbook relating to Benefit Payout and Restoration for Elected Officials. Haupert made a motion to approve the resolution. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.

Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Auditor presented:

1. Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 12/16/2024. Haupert made a motion to approve the claims and allowances as presented. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote.
2. Payroll claims and allowances, including withholdings, for pay period ending 12/07/2024. Eppley made a motion to approve the payroll claims and allowances. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote

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

Cheryl Ross questioned the new plans for the old Jail and wanted to know where they were at in regards and wanted to make sure that the old space is used to the best of the building's ability. Haupert indicated that a committee will be formed after the first of the year in regards to the plans for the old Jail. Eppley said funding will have to be put in place. Shepherd said due to it being at the end of December everything has been put on hold until after the first of the year.

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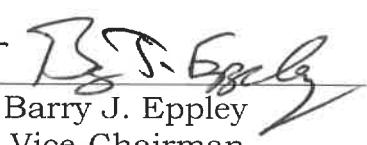
Haupert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawes seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 roll call vote. The Commissioners will next meet on Monday, December 23, 2024.

Also present: *In person:* Dave Nelson, Cheryl Ross, Tyler Niccum, Bill Burnsworth, Nicky Burnsworth, Cole Wyatt, David Terflinger, Rich Mofield,

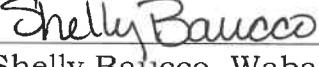
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LuAnn Layman, Marcie Shepherd, Cynthia Donovan, and Kandy Barker. *Via*
zoom: Connie, phone, bhegel, and JDDiphone.


Jeff D. Dawes
Chairman


Barry J. Eppley
Vice-Chairman


Brian K. Haupert

Attest: 
Shelly Baucco, Wabash County Auditor