



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2025 MEETING**

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center at 355 S. Washington Street, Danville, IN 46122, with the following Hendricks County personnel in attendance:

Dennis W. Dawes	Commissioner, President
Bob Gentry	Commissioner, Vice President
Brad Whicker	Commissioner
R. Todd McCormack	Executive Director
Mila M. Shaffer	Administration and Public Affairs
Greg Steuerwald	County Attorney
Ann Stark	Auditor
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
John Ayers	Engineer
Doug Morris	I.T. Director
Paul Weddle	Facilities Manager (Interim)
Erin Hughes	Human Resources Administrator
Tim Dombrosky	Planning & Building Director
Ryan Lemley	Parks & Recreation Superintendent

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG, PRAYER, AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Dawes opened the Meeting at 9:00 AM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present, led the Pledge of Allegiance in unison, and gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2025 JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL AND OF THE AUGUST 12, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2025 Joint Meeting of the Commissioners and Council and of the August 12, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve Check Number 110623, Direct Deposit Numbers 267000-267554, and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning August 14, 2025 and ending August 27, 2025. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AMS MECHANICAL PROPOSAL FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Paul Weddle presented an AMS Mechanical Proposal to replace HVAC equipment at the Animal Shelter and recommended option 2 for \$11,130.00 to replace one full unit.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve option 2 and then withdrew his motion to allow discussion amongst the Commissioners and Paul Weddle regarding the matter.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve option 2 as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AMS MECHANICAL PROPOSAL FOR WORK RELEASE FACILITY

Paul Weddle presented an AMS Mechanical Proposal for \$179,279.00 and a Kirby Heating & Air Proposal for \$188,336.00 to replace eleven rooftop HVAC units and recommended approval of the AMS Proposal.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Paul Weddle regarding the matter.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the AMS Proposal as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF JACK LAURIE GROUP PROPOSAL FOR COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Paul Weddle presented a Jack Laurie Group Proposal for \$41,255.00 to replace the carpet on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex and recommended approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Paul Weddle regarding the matter and getting other quotes.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to table the matter while Paul Weddle obtains a second quote from a Hendricks County based company.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 39 ENCROACHMENT CONSENT

Jon Ayers recommended the item be tabled while Citizens Energy's counsel works on the final language in the Consent.

Commissioner Whicker moved to table the matter as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 290 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 5

John Ayers presented Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Egis for \$226,000.00 for Bridge No. 290 design and recommended approval.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Agreement as recommended. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CULVERT CE-075 ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

John Ayers presented a Grant of Right-of-Way from Dennis Cooke for Culvert CE-075 and recommended acceptance of the right-of-way purchase for \$9,000.00.

Commissioner Gentry moved to accept the right-of-way as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR HSIP PROJECTS

John Ayers presented a Consulting Contract with DB Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$67,073.00 for three HSIP projects and recommended approval. John Ayers advised this Contract is required for the County to receive the \$822K in grant funding from INDOT for these projects.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Contract as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR
PURCHASING RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM LINCOLN TOWNSHIP**

John Ayers presented a Resolution Transferring Certain Real Property from Lincoln Township for \$5,900.00 to purchase right-of-way from them and recommended approval. John Ayers stated Lincoln Township was not

willing to donate the right-of-way for the project.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Resolution as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Resolution No. 2025-28 was assigned.

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-27 APPROVING GRANTS TO
CERTAIN TOWNSHIPS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ann Stark presented Resolution No. 2025-27 of the Commissioners and Council Approving Grants to Certain Townships for Public Safety and recommended approval. Ann Stark reported the County is giving 50% of their portion of the Public Safety Lit (\$752,013.51), as they have done for the past two years, and advised this may be the last year the County is able to do this because of SB 1. The distributions shall be as follows:

- Clay Township \$187,722.61
- Eel River Township \$123,221.06
- Franklin Township \$67,808.13
- Liberty Township \$174,256.57
- Marion Township \$9,961.11
- Union Township \$189,044.03

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Ann Stark regarding the matter. Commissioner Gentry pointed out that these Townships are the ones that will be working directly with the Council now under SB 1.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Resolution as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 1475 E. MAIN ST.

Commissioner Dawes presented Amendment No. 2 to the Purchase Agreement for 1475 E. Main Street in Danville to order a phase 2 environmental inspection and a sixty-day extension of the due diligence period and requested they ratify the emailed approval given on August 13, 2025.

Commissioner Whicker moved to ratify the emailed approval of the Agreement as requested. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS GROUP FEE PROPOSAL FOR
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BONDS**

Commissioner Dawes presented the Financial Solutions Group Fee Proposal for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the Redevelopment Authority Bonds, Series 2025 for the Ronald Reagan Parkway extension and requested approval.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Proposal as presented. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Murphy, resident of 10726 N. State Road 267 in Brownsburg and Brown Township Board Member, reported there were comments made at the last Redevelopment Commission Meeting about how all the TIF money from a specific area of the Ronald Reagan Parkway will now go directly to the County to pay the bond financing for the construction of that section. Jim Murphy advised he spoke with the President of the Brownsburg Town Council to see if he was on board with it and was told he had heard a little about it but did not know what was going on. Jim Murphy stated someone needs to sit down with the Town and let them know they won't be getting one penny from that TIF area and they have to have it in writing. Jim Murphy stated Commissioner Dawes is the liaison and requested he please get it in writing and sit down with the Town, hopefully in a public forum presentation at a Town Council Meeting.

Commissioner Dawes advised he has communicated some with Travis Tschaenn, Brownsburg Town Council President, but they have not met yet and thanked Jim Murphy for what he does and for his thoughtfulness.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY PHASE 1A CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Dawes reported that after consulting with their counsel earlier today, they were advised to tell the contractor to go ahead and open CR 700 W at the Ronald Reagan Parkway now.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Greg Steuerwald, and John Ayers regarding the matter and if there's a liability issue or if the contractor is contractually allowed to keep it closed. John Ayers stated he would talk with the contractor to see if it's possible, but expects to receive pushback from White Construction, and isn't sure if the crossing is complete. Greg Steuerwald stated he will support John Ayers in the discussion.

Commissioner Gentry reported the residents have expressed an interest in there being penalties in the future for not completing a project on time. John Ayers advised this contract time was lengthened at the time of letting, after discussions with INDOT, consultants, and several contractors, because a lot of the contractors able to do this project wouldn't have had the capacity to complete it otherwise and wouldn't have bid the project, which would have driven prices up. John Ayers advised that per their contract the INDOT, the contractor has until November 2025 to complete the project.

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSALS FOR
RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY PHASE 1B CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION**

Commissioner Dawes inquired if the Board was in favor of him being the Commissioner to review the three Proposals for the construction inspection of Phase 1B of the Ronald Reagan Parkway.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Dawes to review the Proposals.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gentry reported he received a complaint and requested departments please consider allowing a video inspection to be uploaded and sent to their office when there are staffing issues because the County doesn't want to slow people down.

Commissioner Dawes reminded those attending the training today that it is at noon.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

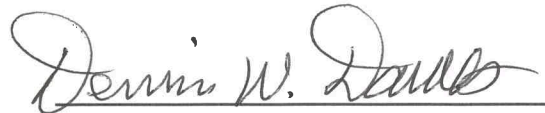
1. Engineering Department Report of August 26, 2025 from John Ayers
2. I.T. Department Report of August 26, 2025 from Doug Morris
3. Facilities Department Report of August 26, 2025 from Paul Weddle
4. HR Report of August 9-25, 2025 from Erin Hughes
5. Highway Department Report of July 28-August 1, 2025, August 2-8, 2025, and August 9-15, 2025 from Curt Higginbotham
6. Weights & Measures Report of July 15-August 15, 2025 from Robert Butler
7. Emergency Management Report of July 22-August 21, 2025 from Debbi Fletcher
8. Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending July 31, 2025 from Dawn Mayhood
9. Parks & Recreation Report of August 21, 2025 from Ryan Lemley

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Notice of Public Hearing by the Plainfield Plan Commission for S. CR 1025 E. between Orly Road and Camby Road from Tuohy Bailey & Moore
 2. Notice of Public Hearing by the Hendricks County Area Plan Commission for Love's Travel Stop from CESO
 3. Notice of Tort Claim from Parr Richey Frandsen Patterson Kruse representing Phyllis A. Bockelman
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IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

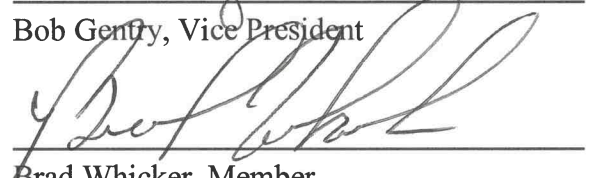
Commissioner Whicker moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:37 AM on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.



Dennis W. Dawes, President



Bob Gentry, Vice President



Brad Whicker, Member

Prepared by:



Mila M. Shaffer