



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2025 MEETING**

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 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
John Ayers	Engineer
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
Dawn Mayhood	Treasurer
Dan Chubb	Coroner
Stephanie Moore	Chief Deputy Coroner
Doug Morris	I.T. Director
Erin Hughes	Human Resources Administrator
Tim Dombrosky	Planning & Building Director
Ian James	Planner
Clint Stoutenour	GIS Administrator
Bart Harvey	Highway & Bridge Project Manager
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 OCTOBER 28, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve Direct Deposit Numbers 269773-270328 and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning October 30, 2025 and ending November 13, 2025. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CR 300 S. AND AVON AVENUE ROUNDABOUT COMPLETION

Scott Singleton, Town of Plainfield Director of Engineering, gave an overview of the completion of the CR 300 S. and Avon Avenue roundabout project that was a mutual funding project involving the Town of Plainfield, Hendricks County, MPO, and INDOT.

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY PHASE 1B
NEW ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION**

Commissioner Gentry moved to close the bids for the Ronald Reagan Parkway Phase 1B New Roadway Construction Project at 9:08 AM. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

John Ayers opened and read the following bids: Crider & Crider \$23,723,000.00, E&B Paving \$24,374,137.00, Gradex \$27,128,891.00, Milestone Contractors \$25,924,000.00, Rieth-Riley Construction \$24,547,501.55, and William Charles Construction (formerly White Construction) \$25,563,000.00. John Ayers advised he wants to have the lowest bid reviewed today by Bart Harvey and bring back a recommendation later in the meeting to allow the Commissioners to make a conditional award in order to remain on time with the bonding process.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CORONER'S OFFICE ORDINANCE FOR
COLLECTION OF FEES**

Commissioner Dawes opened the Public Hearing for the proposed Hendricks County Coroner's Office Ordinance for Collection of Fees at 9:13 AM. Commissioner Dawes advised the Coroner's Office has been charging fees and this would put an official ordinance in place for them. There were no remonstrators present and Commissioner Dawes closed the Public Hearing at 9:14 AM.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Ordinance as proposed. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Ordinance No. 2025-41 was assigned.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2025 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT CERTIFICATION OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL**

Elizabeth Greene, Sheltering Wings, presented the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority 2025 Emergency Solutions Grant Certification of Local Government Approval for Shelter Projects for their \$45,000.00 grant and requested approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Jeff Pell presented the 2026 Purdue Extension Contractual Services Agreement for \$142,058.00 and requested approval.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Jeff Pell advised he is working with the Clerk's Office on a program called, "So you want to run for office", and may reach out to the Commissioners to be involved.

IN THE MATTER OF ST. VINCENT EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Erin Hughes presented the renewal St. Vincent Hospital & Health Care Center Agreement for Sale of Services for the Employee Assistance Program and requested approval. Erin Hughes advised there was a 4% increase to the Agreement and stated she would negotiate any increase for next year.

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

IN THE MATTER OF BAKER TILLY ENGAGEMENT LETTER AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

Ann Stark presented the Baker Tilly Engagement Letter Agreement for Services for an amount not to exceed \$128,500.00 for GAAP services and requested approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Ann Stark regarding the matter.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EXCISE TAX &
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TAX DISTRIBUTIONS**

Ann Stark requested the Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax and Financial Institution Tax distributions remain going to the funds they are currently going to, general fund and settlement fund, per Paula Alkire's recommendation.

Commissioner Gentry moved to keep the fund distributions as they are now, as requested. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 GIS IMPROVEMENT GRANT

John Ayers and Clint Stoutenour presented an Indiana Office of Technology Grant Agreement for \$30,000.00 for 911 GIS improvement and requested approval. John Ayers advised Clint Stoutenour applied for the Grant on behalf of the 911 Communications Center.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Clint Stoutenour regarding the matter and how it will benefit the County and the 911 Communications Center.

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

IN THE MATTER OF MARATHON PIPE LINE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

John Ayers presented the Marathon Pipe Line Encroachment Agreement for an estimated \$2,055,000.00 to repair some of their pipelines for Phase 1B of the Ronald Reagan Parkway and recommended approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Ann Stark, and John Ayers regarding the matter and funding.

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

IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BRIDGE NO. 28

John Ayers presented the Notice to Bidders for Bridge No. 28 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Notice as presented. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and inquired how long it would be closed. John Ayers stated he did not remember the duration. The motion was approved unanimously. Bids shall be due by 9:00 AM on December 9, 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF HENDRICKS POWER UTILITY LINE LOCATION EASEMENT

Commissioner Dawes presented a Hendricks Power Utility Line Location Easement for the new Highway Department Facility and requested approval.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Easement as presented. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion. Greg Steuerwald advised the proposed Easement does not include the language discussed with Hendricks Power stating that Hendricks Power would be responsible for the costs incurred should the utility line need to be relocated in the future. Commissioner Dawes stated he spoke with Greg Ternet from Hendricks Power about it and he said to mention it in the motion. Greg Steuerwald stated it needs to be put in the Easement. Commissioner Whicker inquired if Greg Steuerwald wanted him to amend his motion to include that it be put in the Easement. Greg Steuerwald stated yes Commissioner Whicker amended his motion and moved to approve an amended Easement with the addition of the language that Hendricks Power would be responsible for the costs incurred should the utility line need to be relocated in the future. Commissioner Gentry amended his motion to second the amended motion made by Commissioner Whicker and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Murphy, 10726 N. State Road 267 in Brownsburg, expressed his concerns regarding possible road closure impacts with Phase 1B construction of the Ronald Reagan Parkway and the CR 1000 N. improvements going on at the same time and requested that they be taken into consideration; i.e. flaggers, limiting closure length, timing of the closure with school, etc.

John Ayers advised the intertwining of the two projects will be a headache and there will be some inconveniences, but he will communicate the concerns with the contractors and the County will do all they can to limit those inconveniences. John Ayers stated it will depend a lot on the contractors' schedules.

Commissioner Dawes thanked Jim Murphy for attending and for his comments and thinks the County has learned a lot during Phase 1A construction.

Commissioner Gentry advised he has already been contacted as well and believes farm traffic will still be able to work with the contractors on the ground to get through when needed. John Ayers stated farm traffic may be able to get through on a case-by-case basis.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY PHASE 1A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

John Ayers reported the ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase 1A of the Ronald Reagan Parkway is scheduled for November 14, 2025 at 3:00 PM on the bridge over CSX.

IN THE MATTER OF US 40/CR 200 W. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PUBLIC MEETING

John Ayers reported INDOT is holding a public information meeting for the US 40/CR 200 W. intersection improvement project on November 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Cascade High School.

IN THE MATTER OF MEAL ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL

Todd McCormack recommended the Commissioners adopt increases to the County meal allowance for travel.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Todd McCormack regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to increase the meal allowance for travel as follows: "Overnight conference with no meals provided in registration" increase from \$45.00 to \$52.00, "Overnight conference with partial meals provided which includes State Called Meetings" increase from \$25.00 to \$41.00, "One-day meeting/training/conference" increase from \$20.00 to 25.00, and for the two "Overnight" rates to change as those State rates change. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Todd McCormack advised he would amend the language in the Employee Manual to reflect the changes.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY PHASE 1B NEW ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION

John Ayers recommended conditionally awarding the Ronald Reagan Parkway Phase 1B New Roadway Construction Project to Crider & Crider for \$23,723,000.00 as the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Commissioner Gentry moved to follow the Engineer's recommendation and conditionally award the Project to Crider & Crider. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Greg Steuerwald requested approval to work with the Plan Commission to amend the County's unsafe building ordinance to include, "premises", to make it more consistent with the State statute and allow for more flexibility.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to approve the work as requested.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gentry presented a Petition to Vacate Right-of-Way Street Easement from Mr. and Mrs. Alling and requested Mila Shaffer work with Mrs. Alling on a hearing for it. Commissioner Gentry stated he and his brother own the land surrounding it and approve of them being granted the vacation for their driveway. Commissioner Gentry advised he knows John Ayers has concerns about vacating it, but the Commissioners don't.

John Ayers stated it's hard to predict if it will be needed and is why they try and plat them.

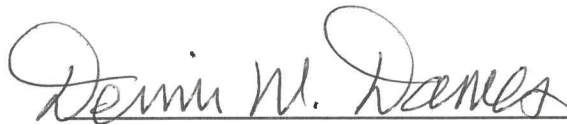
IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

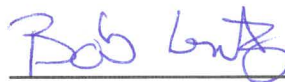
1. Engineering Department Report of November 12, 2025 from John Ayers
2. Executive Director Report of November 12, 2025 from Todd McCormack
3. I.T. Department Report of November 12, 2025 from Doug Morris
4. Facilities Department Report of November, 2025 from Paul Weddle
5. HR Report of October 25-November 7, 2025 from Erin Hughes
6. Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending October 31, 2025 from Dawn Mayhood
7. Parks & Recreation Report of October 24, 2025 from Ryan Lemley

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

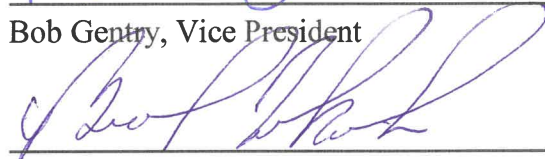
Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 10:01 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.



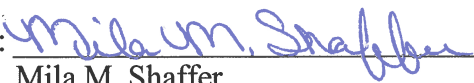
Dennis W. Dawes, President



Bob Gentry, Vice President



Brad Whicker, Member

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