



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 MEETING

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 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:

Phyllis A. Palmer	Commissioner, President
Bob Gentry	Commissioner, Vice President
Dennis W. Dawes	Commissioner
R. Todd McCormack	Executive Director
Graham Youngs	County Attorney
Nancy Marsh	Auditor
John Ayers	Engineer
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
David Gaston	Surveyor
Tiffany Dalton	Chief Deputy Surveyor
Nicole Lawson	Assessor
Jeni Aubrey	Chief Deputy Assessor
Laura Herzog	Recorder
Dawn Mayhood	Treasurer
Pawnee Dwyer	Chief Deputy Treasurer
Jack Swalley	Facilities Manager
Erin Hughes	Human Resources Administrator
Doug Morris	I.T. Director
Tim Dombrosky	Planning & Building Director
Tonya Cottrell	Building & Floodplain Manager
Dr. David Stopperich	Health Officer
Krista Click	Health Department Administrator
Ryan Lemley	Parks & Recreation Superintendent

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

Commissioner Palmer opened the Meeting at 9:17 AM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison. Commissioner Dawes gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate with a special request for Stan Ryland's family. The Commissioners acknowledged the passing of Stan Ryland, a loyal and faithful member of the Drainage Board that also served on the Hendricks Power Board for many years. Commissioner Palmer stated Stan Ryland was appointed to the Drainage Board when she became a commissioner and they've all been touched by his life, his service, and his dedication.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve Direct Deposit Numbers 252936-253471 and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning August 29, 2024 and ending September 11, 2024. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No matters presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
NO TRUCK TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS**

Commissioner Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 9:21 AM for the Ordinance for No Truck Traffic on Certain County Roads as follows:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
CR 875 S.	SR 39 to CR 375 E.
CR 850 S.	CR 425 E. to CR 525 E.
CR 875 S./Hendricks County Road	CR 525 E. to Old SR 267

Steve Wickey(?), resident at 1697 Tudor Road in Hazelwood, inquired why heavy trucks are coming down his road. John Ayers stated that road is not included in this proposed Ordinance. Commissioner Palmer stated they could discuss it later on in the meeting under John Ayers' Staff Report if he wanted to discuss it then. Commissioner Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 9:24 AM.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Ordinance No. 2024-36 was assigned to the Ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT TO UPDATE GIS CONTOURS

John Ayers presented the Woolpert, Inc. Proposal for \$28,853.10 to update the County's GIS one-foot contours and recommended approval. John Ayers reported the contours were last updated approximately 15 years ago and advised the Engineering Department will split the cost of the Agreement with the Surveyor's Office.

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 PROCLAMATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & MONTH

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to present Jarod Haskell, Sheltering Wings, with the Proclamation to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Hendricks County. Jarod Haskell requested purple be worn on October 17, 2024 for National Purple Day.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK 2024

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to present Debbie Cullen, D.A.R., with the Proclamation to declare September 17-23, 2024 as Constitution Week in Hendricks County. Debbie Cullen advised September 17, 2024 is Constitution Day.

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA REAPPOINTMENT

Nicole Lawson requested Mark Ratterman be reappointed to serve another term on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA). Nicole Lawson advised that Mark Ratterman has been great to work with and is an asset to the Board.

Commissioner Gentry moved to appoint Mark Ratterman to serve another term on the PTABOA. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TMA CONTRACT FOR AUDITS

Nicole Lawson presented the Tax Management Associates (TMA) for Business Personal Property Audit Services Proposal for and recommended approval. TMA advised the audit revenues they retrieve are deposited into a non-reverting fund and they are paid from those funds on the audits that resulted in revenue corrections. Any remaining revenues after the three-year term goes back to the County to distribute to the appropriate taxing district it belongs to. Nicole Lawson advised TMA would also handle any appeals filed in response to the audit. TMA stated the audit fee is a set fee amount based on the size of the parcel.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Nicole Lawson, Nancy Marsh, and TMA regarding the matter. Commissioner Gentry expressed his concerns of them auditing farmers and not auditing steel mills. TMA advised farms are not included in the Proposal but steel mills are.

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve the Proposal as presented. Commissioner Gentry stated that with the explanation agriculture would not be included, and the pursuance of steel mills, he would second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED EMPLOYEE MANUAL AMENDMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Erin Hughes presented the following two proposed amendments to the Employee Manual that have been requested by the Council:

1. Employees that routinely drive personal vehicles for County employment purposes, in departments that have been provided County vehicles, shall use the provided County vehicles whenever possible. Employees shall not submit mileage claims for driving their personal vehicles for such routine use when County provided vehicles are available for use with the department. This does not preclude mileage reimbursement for infrequent use of personal vehicles to attend conferences, training, or other infrequent use activities. This does not apply to departments which are not provided County vehicles. *(To be inserted on page 21, W. "Vehicles Policies")*
2. Employees shall clock in and out at the dedicated time clocks at the entrances/exits or other locations, if such a time clock has been installed at the work location and is operational. Employees who work in the field shall clock in at such a work location before performing field work and clock out at such a work location at the end of the day after performing field work. Clocking in and out by computer or cell phone shall only be acceptable where there is no access to dedicated time clocks and/or the time clocks are not operational. Employees working in the field may clock in and out for lunch using their phones. This policy does not apply to Merit Deputies or those that are called out after hours. There is an understanding that there may be occasions where an employee forgets to clock in or out and will need to do so from a cell phone or personal computer. *(To be inserted on page 7, F. "Time Records" with some corrections/deletions to current policy)*

Erin Hughes advised the Council requests the Commissioners review their proposed amendments and take them under advisement for consideration at their next Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Palmer stated Todd McCormack has paper copies for anyone that would like one and requested any comments regarding the proposed amendments be directed to Todd McCormack via email or in person.

**IN THE MATTER OF INCLUDING COURTHOUSE IN THE TOWN OF DANVILLE'S
DESIGNATED OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA (DORA)**

Mark Morgan, Town of Danville Town Manager, presented two maps for a proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), one that includes the Courthouse lawn and the alley south of the Courthouse Annex and one that only includes the Courthouse lawn and requested the Commissioners' consent to include the lawn area of the Courthouse. Mark Morgan reported the Town would like to establish the DORA with the lawn included because the area is commonly used by patrons of their downtown concert series and it would allow the Town to have their activities without having to put up as much fencing. Mark Morgan advised that currently the Town and the Downtown Danville Partnership fence in the Courthouse lawn and bring in a vendor that sells alcohol during the event and patrons have to stay within that fenced area. Mark Morgan stated creating the DORA and including the lawn would eliminate the need for the fencing, make things easier for their staff, and would allow patrons to purchase alcohol and other items from vendors on the Square instead of having to bring one into the fenced area. Mark Morgan advised he doesn't think this would create any problems on the County's property and stated the DORA has not been presented to the Town's Council yet and isn't sure if they will approve it.

Commissioner Palmer inquired if this idea came from the Chamber. Mark Morgan stated the idea came from one of the Council members that requested he explore it further and advised alcohol would not be allowed to be taken outside of the DORA.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Mark Morgan regarding the matter. Commissioner Gentry inquired if alcohol has been served here all along. Mark Morgan stated it has. Commissioner Gentry stated he was under the assumption alcohol was not currently allowed and this would be something new. Mark Morgan stated the Partnership has always brought in an alcohol vendor, but currently patrons have to remain within the fenced in area to consume it. Commissioner Gentry inquired if the DORA would cause patrons to wander around while drinking more so than they do now. Mark Morgan advised he doesn't foresee it being utilized like that but stated that it is possible. Mark Morgan stated the Town wants patrons to be able to enjoy the ambiance of the event and purchase alcohol from a local vendor utilizing the DORA designated cup. Businesses along the square can opt out of the DORA to prevent patrons from entering their business with alcohol. Commissioner Gentry inquired if the Sheriff would be asked to provide law enforcement since it would be on County property. Mark Morgan stated the Town has never asked the Sheriff to provide law enforcement because the event is being put on by the Town Partnership, so the Town provides law enforcement for the event.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to not allow the Courthouse lawn to be included in the Town's DORA.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE

Jack Swalley stated Dan Zerner, Garmon Construction, was here to present an update on the Highway Garage.

Dan Zerner reported the space study is moving along and there will be a progress meeting next week with Eric Weflen that they are welcome to attend.

Dan Zerner reported the old Jail will be totally down by Friday, September 13, 2024. Commissioner Dawes stated Ray's has done a nice, clean job on the project; Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Gentry agreed.

Dan Zerner reported they're running a pretty tight program on development and stated that currently, they are at \$18,619,000.00 for total project costs, and advised there is plenty of budget to build a beautiful Highway Garage. Dan Zerner stated there are some items that could impact the financial situation; one being the need to be annexed by the Town for water service instead of doing a well, which may require the County to increase their landscaping and building standards to match the Town's; heat for maintenance bay; building out the vehicle storage building; and finishing out the shell to make room for the Engineering Department if you should choose to relocate them.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Nancy Marsh, John Ayers, Jack Swalley, and Dan Zerner regarding the matter. Nancy Marsh pointed out the costs associated with the issuance of the construction bonds, approximately \$200,000.00-\$300,000.00, come out of the total bond amount of \$19,051,000.00. Dan Zerner stated they have included that. Commissioner Dawes advised there has been some very brief discussion that there may be some ways to save on the bond issuance costs. Dan Zerner stated DLZ has been very good in working with them on the budget parameters. Commissioner Gentry stated there is a building at Mulberry, that would meet the County's needs, that was built 12 years ago for \$1.5 million and inquired how do we get to the price being proposed when inflation hasn't increased by 40%. John Ayers advised he hasn't seen the building Commissioner Gentry is referencing and stated he thinks he's comparing apples to oranges and cannot imagine the County's requirements being able to be accomplished for that dollar amount. John Ayers stated this is a multi-building project that includes office space, a fuel island, site work, landscaping, and equipment and thinks the comparison being made is for shell costs only. Commissioner Gentry inquired what the building shell cost was. John Ayers stated he could break it out and send it to the Commissioners.

John Ayers presented annexation paperwork to petition the Town of Danville to annex the property and allow the County to connect to Town water and recommended approval to file for the annexation.

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve filing for the annexation with the Town as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT

Jack Swalley presented the Banning Engineering Agreement for Engineering Services for \$20,700.00 for the

Government Center south parking lot and requested approval. Jack Swalley stated the concept is to add access to the dead-end street to the east, to help with flow in and out of the lot and add some additional parking spaces.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Nancy Marsh inquired if Jack Swalley is wanting to move the ARPA funds approved for the Annex parking lot project to this project. Jack Swalley stated that yes, he is.

IN THE MATTER OF SNOW REMOVAL AND LAWN CARE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES

Jack Swalley presented a Proposal from All Terrain Landscape and Snow Management for \$83,412.83 for the total lawn care and snow management of the East Campus, Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, old Probation building, Museum, and Government Center from November 2024-March 2027 and requested approval. Jack Swalley stated this is a savings from the costs spent in the past on personnel, contractors, materials, and equipment. Jack Swalley stated he is working with the Town of Danville to dedicate the East Campus Blvd. to them so they can take over the snow maintenance of it.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Jack Swalley regarding the matter. Jack Swalley advised this contractor also services Hendricks Regional Health.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF LEASE WITH HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH FOR
ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE**

Krista Click presented the Lease with Hendricks Regional Health for the additional office space for Healthy Families that was presented at their last meeting and requested approval and stated it begins November 1, 2024.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Krista Click regarding the matter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF HEA 1158 AND AXON TASER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Sheriff Sadler presented the Axon Enterprises Agreement for \$27,853.20 to lease six more tasers for 5 years and requested approval. Sheriff Sadler advised that with HEA 1158, there is the ability for the Commissioners to adopt an ordinance to delegate additional authority to approve contracts to other County elected officials and employees and would like to start that conversation. Sheriff Sadler stated that in the thoughts of efficiency, he would like to be able to sign these types of agreements and other service agreements himself in lieu of having to bring them to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Palmer stated they could definitely have the conversation regarding HEA 1158 at a later time. Commissioner Palmer advised she emailed Greg Steuerwald after reading the Sheriff's comments because there was a time in the past where an elected official signed a contract and the County ended up in court and spent lots of money, and that would be her hesitation in allowing others to enter into contracts but could possibly consider it if there were limits. Sheriff Sadler stated an amount of \$50,000.00 would cover most things for him. Commissioner Palmer stated they would discuss the matter further with Greg Steuerwald.

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

IN THE MATTER OF 5K WALK/RUN – ROAD CLOSURE

Ashley Smith (not present), St. Malachy Parish, requested permission to block off a small section of E. County Road 750 N. near their church from School Branch Creek to the stop sign on September 28, 2024 from 8:45 AM-10:45 AM for their annual Hog Jog 5K Walk/Run.

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve the closure as requested with Todd McCormack letting Ashley Smith know that they would need to coordinate the closure with the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jay Thompson, 7722 Royal Creek Trace in Pittsboro, reported the lights haven't been dimmed but it's not as bright in the meeting room without Mila Shaffer's smile in the room. Commissioner Palmer stated they miss her.

Jay Thompson reported the audio on the last two streamed meetings was poor, most people are difficult to hear, and recommended those coming up to speak get as close to the table as they possibly can.

Jay Thompson reported that apparently there is a Beacon policy where officers, judges, and other officials can block their information and inquired what the policy is for removing this when they are no longer one of those individuals. Jay Thompson advised there's a Pittsboro Police Officer that quit after being suspended for six months and their information is still hidden on Beacon even though he is a private citizen now. John Ayers advised there is a procedure for removing their information from Beacon but is not sure if there is a formal procedure for reinstating them.

Jay Thompson reported Pat Carmean and Doug Burris recently resigned from the 911 Communications Center and requested letters of appreciation be sent to them from the Commissioners because even though they were technically Town of Plainfield employees, it is a County funded operation. Commissioner Gentry requested Commissioner Palmer direct someone to draft the letters.

Jeni Aubrey reported Nicole Lawson was voted as Assessor of the Year by the Assessor's Association. The Commissioners congratulated Nicole Lawson for this honor.

Futsum Asgoson, 879 W. County Road 900 N. in Lizton, advised his cousin would be speaking for him regarding his gravel driveway. His cousin reported the property is zoned business and stated there is an existing driveway that isn't long enough to drive through and is muddy when it rains and they are wanting to park their tractor trailers at their home, but were denied making a new drive.

Commissioner Palmer requested the County Engineer and County Planning Director assist with the matter because she is not familiar with the property or the situation.

John Ayers stated he and Tim Dombrosky have both met with the two gentlemen regarding their matter. John Ayers advised this is on 901 N., which is a dead end directly west of the Recycling Center and their request is for a gravel parking lot for semi parking at their residence. John Ayers suggested Tim Dombrosky may be able to better explain the situation and the approvals that would be needed. Tim Dombrosky reported it is a complicated situation because it's zoned highway business, but it is still a residential area that's never been developed. Tim Dombrosky advised they would need to follow the guidelines for commercial development because semi parking is commercial use, but they disagree that it's commercial use. John Ayers advised that based upon their conversations it's for 4-5 semis, which is commercial use, and because that's a change in how it's being used currently it triggers the development plan review process. Commissioner Palmer stated she appreciates them being there and instructed them to go through the Planning Department for an application, advised there will probably be a public hearing, and encouraged them to go through the process to attempt to get what they are wanting. The cousin inquired about standing water in the current gravel drive and mosquitoes that the neighbors are complaining to them about. Tim Dombrosky reiterated that it's a complicated situation because it's a residential property, surrounded by residential properties, but zoned business and a parking lot isn't allowed by the zoning ordinance without an official business. Commissioner Gentry stated he knows the area well and they would face opposition from their neighbors to park semis there and inquired where they were planning to direct the water too. The cousin stated they would direct the water towards the ditch by I-74. Commissioner Gentry advised that INDOT would need to be involved as well since they are wanting to direct the water towards their

roadway and there are steps that the owner would need to make to attempt to get it approved. The cousin stated people park commercial vehicles in a gravel lot on the east side of 900 and doesn't understand why they can't do the same. Commissioner Palmer advised they would need to fill out their application with the Planning Department to start the process. The cousin stated they did and they were denied. John Ayers stated they filled out the driveway permit application only and he did not deny it but is holding it until they go through the planning process. Commissioner Dawes inquired if they would need to file to change the zoning to business. Tim Dombrosky stated it is already zoned business but a parking lot is not an allowable business and the zoning ordinance itself would have to be changed to allow what they are requesting. Commissioner Dawes inquired if they would start that process with the Planning Department. Tim Dombrosky stated they would and inquired if the Commissioners were opposed to allowing parking lots as an acceptable usage within this zoning classification under certain circumstances before attempting the process. John Ayers stated that if the usage is allowed there would still be requirements for improvements, they would have to make for a parking lot and drainage would be one of those improvements.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Laura Herzog reported the subtle changes being made to the Government Center are appreciated, such as the picnic tables, benches, and exterior window cleaning and expressed her thanks and appreciation.

Dawn Mayhood requested the Commissioners read the letter she gave them prior to the start of the meeting. Dawn Mayhood reported it's related to the proposed amendment to the Employee Manual regarding the clocking in and out from a time clock and not a computer or cell phone because it is kind of a big issue for her office. Commissioner Palmer stated she thought they said to send any comments to Todd McCormack. Dawn Mayhood stated she did but wanted to bring up the fact that most of the elected officials and department heads that have an issue with the amendments will be at AIC and will not be able to attend the next Commissioners' Meeting where the Commissioners are planning to vote on them. Dawn Mayhood stated every office is different and asked that the Commissioners take that into consideration and for the top floor mentioning the elevators don't move very quickly, some people can't take the stairs, and if everyone is lined up at the time clock at 8:00 AM no one will make it to their offices in time to open, especially those on the top floor. Commissioner Palmer expressed her appreciation for the comments and stated they would take them into consideration. Dawn Mayhood stated that's all she asks.

Nicole Lawson stated that for the record, since she won't be here for the next meeting, she wanted it to be noted that she too disagrees with the clocking in and out at the doors. Nicole Lawson advised she understands part of that reasoning but they're not going to get the effects that they're wanting because if someone clocks in downstairs and it takes them 10 minutes to climb the stairs or take the elevator to get to their office to turn on their computer, they will not be there ready to work at 8:00 AM. Nicole Lawson stated that since she has been Assessor her policy in her office is that her employees are not allowed to clock in at the doors and have to clock in at their computers, ready to work at 8:00 AM, and gave a copy of her policy to the Commissioners. Nicole Lawson suggested, as a compromise, to place time clocks upstairs outside of offices and/or elevators. Nicole Lawson advised there isn't a time clock at the southeast entrance and stated lots of employees use that entrance to go straight to the elevator, which would cause them to have to go to another entrance to access a time clock. Commissioner Palmer thanked Nicole Lawson and stated her suggestions are definitely something to think about and investigate and suggested the Commissioners delay their decision to an October meeting. Todd McCormack stated there is no urgency and they could wait until their first meeting in October. Nancy Marsh stated she did not realize there wasn't a time clock at the southeast entrance. Doug Morris stated they did not put one there due to it being on a block wall that would require more work and materials to install. Nicole Lawson stated the top floor is the issue and at the start and end of each day there are people lined up at the time clock and at the elevator.

Laura Herzog inquired why the time clock is preferred instead of them clocking in on their computers and why is it an issue. Todd McCormack advised his understanding of where the concern is coming from is that Right Stuff can only distinguish clock ins two ways, a time clock and a web clock, (which is notated in Right Stuff as TC or WC) and stated web clocks are all done by IP address so if someone clocks in from their cell phone, mobile device, or desktop it will show as a WC. Todd McCormack reported that only Right Stuff can tell where an

employee was when they're clocked in as a WC by looking at the IP addresses to see if someone is clocking in from the building or if they are clocking in from home or somewhere else. Todd McCormack reported he thinks the Council received some complaints that employees were clocking in/out on a mobile device from home and if there was an easy way to determine if they were clocking in/out from their office desktop he doesn't think there would be a problem at all, but there is no way to determine if the WC is from in the building, the parking lot, their home, etc. Laura Herzog stated that information causing it would've been really nice to know because she agrees with Nicole Lawson that she wants her employees to be at their desks, coffee in hand, and ready to work when they clock in at 8:00 AM. Todd McCormack stated there is a problem with the way Right Stuff records it and looked yesterday to see if the web clock ins were really a problem. Todd McCormack advised about 50% of employees are clocking in utilizing some form of a web clock and hopes it's from their desks but knows that isn't always the case because Right Stuff has run reports in the past indicating the different IP addresses. Todd McCormack stated the most secure system, even though it may not be the most efficient or convenient, is to clock in from the time clocks. Laura Herzog inquired if special permissions were needed to clock into Right Stuff from your cell phone. Todd McCormack stated no special permissions are needed and they are concerned about people using web clock ins every day, especially from a mobile device outside of the buildings, and there is a fault in the system where that cannot be determined.

Jeni Aubrey reported they have people out in the field in their department and sometimes it's more beneficial for them to clock in from their home and go straight to the taxpayer's house to do whatever they need to do and this amendment would require them to come all the way into work to clock in first. Jeni Aubrey stated this is so unproductive and is a waste of the employee's money and payroll. Todd McCormack stated this was discussed and it is certainly more efficient for the employee because they are leaving from home and don't have the time or expense of driving to and from work, but can't really say if it's more efficient for the County because you are making the assumption that home is close to where they are going. Jeni Aubrey stated what she is specifically saying is they have people that are in the field assessing new construction that might live in Brownsburg and if they're starting out their day assessing homes in Brownsburg, they would have to drive all the way to Danville to clock in, and then drive all the way back to Brownsburg. Jeni Aubrey advised she thinks your work should be what shows whether you are there or not and thinks this is unproductive because they wouldn't be able to get as many houses done. Commissioner Palmer stated they will take the comments into consideration, will look into some new time clocks, reminded Jeni Aubrey that they still have time to submit their comments to Todd McCormack, and advised they will not take any action at the next meeting since some will be out of town.

IN THE MATTER OF SR 240 CLOSURE

John Ayers reported Sheriff Sadler reached out to him and advised he's been in communication with the Putnam County Sheriff and Putnam County would like to close off the portion of old SR 240 that is east of SR 75 due to how bad the intersection is at old SR 240 and US 40. John Ayers stated the main portion is in Hendricks County as S. County Line Road, but the east end is in Putnam County, and he and Sheriff Sadler are in support of the closure because it is a dangerous intersection. John Ayers advised the two property owners on the north side of old SR 240 are supportive per the Sheriff. John Ayers stated INDOT is supportive as well and has plans move the SR 75/US 40 intersection to the east to make it a 90-degree intersection and would eliminate the bridge that's there too.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to support Putnam County's request to close SR 240 east of SR 75.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Palmer reported that tomorrow is Patriot Day and if we all remember what happened 23 years ago, where we were, what happened, and how awful it was and out of that grew a sense of patriotism and stated we cannot forget that day and what it felt like. Commissioner Palmer stated she hopes that we remember where we were and what it felt like and think of the families that were changed forever.

Commissioner Palmer stated she would like to mention that they're missing Mila Shaffer and they wish her well and hope she is coming back soon, but that in the meantime Todd McCormack has done an outstanding job with trying to learn her job.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

1. Receipt acknowledged for the Engineering Department Report of September 10, 2024 from John Ayers.
2. Receipt acknowledged for the Executive Director's Report of September 10, 2024 from Todd McCormack.
3. Receipt acknowledged for the I.T. Department Report of September 10, 2024 from Doug Morris.
4. Receipt acknowledged for the Facilities Department Report of September 10, 2024 from Jack Swalley.
5. Receipt acknowledged for the HR Report of August 24, 2024-September 6, 2024 from Erin Hughes.
6. Animal Control/Shelter Report of August 23, 2024-September 5, 2024 from LaDonna Hughes.
7. Receipt acknowledged for the EMA Report of August 25, 2024-September 6, 2024 from Debbi Fletcher.
8. Receipt acknowledged for the Parks & Recreation Report of September 6, 2024 from Ryan Lemley.

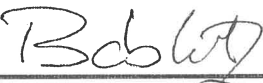
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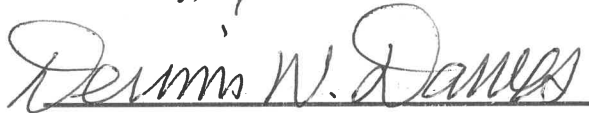
1. Notice of Tort Claim from the Law Office of Gary Hancock representing Jeannine Becker.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Palmer adjourned the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.


Phyllis A. Palmer, President


Bob Gentry, Vice President


Dennis W. Dawes, Member