



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2025 MEETING**

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 28, 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:

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| Dennis W. Dawes | Commissioner, President |
| Bob Gentry | Commissioner, Vice President |
| Brad Whicker | Commissioner |
| R. Todd McCormack | Executive Director |
| Greg Steuerwald | County Attorney |
| Mila M. Shaffer | Administration and Public Affairs |
| Ann Stark | Auditor |
| Larry Scott | Councilman |
| Dave Wyeth | Councilman |
| Jack Sadler | Sheriff |
| Loren Delp | Prosecutor |
| Nicole Lawson | Assessor |
| Dan Chubb | Coroner |
| Dawn Mayhood | Treasurer |
| Pawnie Dwyer | Chief Deputy Treasurer |
| Tiffany Dalton | Chief Deputy Surveyor |
| Catherine Haines | Court Administrator |
| John Ayers | Engineer |
| Doug Morris | I.T. Director |
| Erin Hughes | Human Resources Administrator |
| Jack Swalley | Facilities Manager |
| Tim Dombrosky | Planning & Building Director |
| Curt Higginbotham | Highway Department Superintendent |
| Krista Click | Health Department Administrator |
| Mark Chmielewski | Government Center Security Deputy |
| 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 and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison. Greg Steuerwald gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve Direct Deposit Numbers 258679-259219 and Budgetary Claims

presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning January 16, 2025 and ending January 29, 2025. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF WAIVER OF APPLICATION FEES

Ryan Lindley, Banning Engineering, requested the Plan Commission application fees totaling approximately \$3,400.00 be waived for Hendricks Community Soccer's project, a not-for-profit youth soccer organization.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, John Ayers, Tim Dombrosky, John Ayers, and Ryan Lindley regarding the matter and Todd McCormack and Greg Steuerwald creating a policy outlining the waiver of fees for qualifying not-for-profit organizations. John Ayers recommended they be specific and clarify that they are only waiving application fees.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve waiving Planning & Building's application fees for the Hendricks Community Soccer project as requested. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Dawes requested Todd McCormack work with Greg Steuerwald, if needed, to draft a policy.

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AT&T BEAD FUNDING

Bill Soards, AT&T President, presented a Letter of Support for their BEAD funding application and requested approval. Bill Soards reported that AT&T is wanting to expand broadband coverage to 100+ homes on the east side of the County that currently do not have it available to them.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Bill Soards regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Letter subject to removing the word "best" from the last paragraph. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CASA PROGRAM CONTRACTS

Catherine Haines presented the 2025 CASA Program Program Director Professional Services Contract for \$84,227.00, the 2025 CASA Program Staff Advocate Professional Services Contract for \$23,990.40, and the 2025 CASA Program Volunteer Coordinator Professional Services Contract for \$35,055.36 and requested approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF VEHICLE REQUEST FOR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Loren Delp requested approval to purchase a used vehicle with funds from one of his funds, fund 1234 or fund 8144, for a newly added investigator. Loren Delp advised he expects to spend less than \$30,000.00 on the vehicle.

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

IN THE MATTER OF HRH 2025 MEDICAL/WELLNESS AGREEMENT

Erin Hughes presented the 2025 Hendricks Regional Health (HRH) Medical/Wellness Program Pass-Through Agreement for use of the Wellness Centers and requested approval. Erin Hughes stated fees increased by 3%.

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 ST. VINCENT 2025 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Erin Hughes presented the 2025 St. Vincent Agreement for Sale of Services for the Employee Assistance Program and requested approval. Erin Hughes stated the fees increased by 4%.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Gentry inquired what St.

Vincent's was doing that HRH wasn't. Ering Hughes stated HRH does not do the mental health services. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion. Commissioner Dawes inquired Erin Hughes tried to negotiate the rate. Erin Hughes stated she did not. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 2025 HEALTH BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Krista Click presented the 2025 Health Board Attorney Contract with Oliver & Cline and requested approval. Krista Click advised the hourly rate increased from \$250.00 to \$300.00 and is the first rate increase in 5 years.

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

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FACILITY

Jack Swalley requested authorization to sign change orders for the new Highway Department Facility. Jack Swalley stated no change order shall exceed \$50,000.00 and the total shall never exceed the project appropriation.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Jack Swalley, and Dan Zuerner (Garmon representative) regarding the matter and all agreed the proposed process of authorizing Jack Swalley to sign the change orders saves time and money.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the proposed process authorizing Jack Swalley to sign change orders for the new Highway Department Facility as requested. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF JACK LAURIE GROUP PROPOSAL FOR COURTHOUSE

Jack Swalley presented a Proposal from Jack Laurie Group for \$40,845.00 to replace carpet in the Clerk's Office and requested approval. Jack Swalley advised the carpet started coming apart after being cleaned recently.

Commissioner Whicker inquired how many square feet of carpet the Proposal was for. Jack Swalley stated he did not know. Commissioner Gentry inquired if this was for carpet squares. Jack Swalley stated it was.

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 WON-DOOR CORPORATION QUOTATION FOR GOVERNMENT CENTER

Jack Swalley presented the Won-Door Corporation Quotation for \$13,612.46 to repair another fire door at the Government Center and requested approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 136 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1

John Ayers presented the SJCA Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Bridge No. 136 and recommended approval. John Ayers advised there's no price increase as they reallocated funds for services within the Agreement.

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 SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT OLD SR 267/E. HENDRICKS COUNTY ROAD

John Ayers presented the Notice to Bidders for Signal Installation at Old SR 267 and E. Hendricks County Road and recommended approval. Bids shall be due by 9:00 AM on February 25, 2025.

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

IN THE MATTER OF DANVILLE CONSERVATION CLUB LEASE AND DAM

Greg Steuerwald reported the County started leasing the Danville Conservation Club back in 1947 and the Club is responsible for all maintenance on the dam. Greg Steuerwald stated he wants to enhance the terms of the Lease emphasizing that they are responsible for maintenance on the dam over and above what's taken in on the assessment or deed the property to them and requested permission to proceed. Greg Steuerwald advised that the Club qualifies under statute for recreational use that would allow the County to deed the property to them.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to move towards deeding the property to the Club.

IN THE MATTER OF SELF-INSURED COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dawes recommended creating a Self-Insured Committee consisting of Commissioner Whicker, Councilman Wathen, Councilman Wyeth, Todd McCormack, Erin Hughes, Mila Shaffer, and John Parmley.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to create the Self-Insured Committee as recommended by Commissioner Dawes.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jeremy Burton, Comcast Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager, requested a Letter of Support for their BEAD funding application to expand broadband coverage to 155 homes on the west side of the County that currently do not have it available to them. Jeremy Burton advised the last Letter of Support he received from the Commissioners helped them secure \$721,000.00 from the State to deliver broadband to 222 homes in the County.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to approve providing a Letter of Support as requested.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TREE CLEARING

John Ayers stated he received quotes from Artistic Touch Tree Service totaling \$60,775.00 and quotes from Save a Tree totaling \$127,916.00 for right-of-way tree clearing for Bridge No. 28 and Bridge No. 39 and recommended approval of the quotes from Artistic Touch.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the quotes from Artistic Touch as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Commissioner Whicker suggested reaching out to Indy Tree and Landscape for quotes in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF AFFIDAVIT FOR KASPRZYK CASE

Todd McCormack presented his Affidavit for the Kasprzyk Case for Traveler's Insurance and requested approval.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to approve the Affidavit as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dawes reported the Commissioners have been discussing some changes to their agenda, one of which they already made, and advised there may be some other changes as they year goes on.

Commissioner Dawes expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all that served on the Bicentennial Committee.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

1. Engineering Department Report of January 28, 2025 from John Ayers
2. Executive Director's Report of January 28, 2025 from Todd McCormack

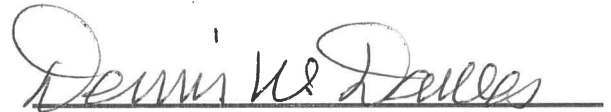
3. I.T. Department Report of January 28, 2025 from Doug Morris
4. Facilities Department Report of January 28, 2025 from Jack Swalley
5. Highway Department Report of December 30, 2024-January 3, 2025, January 5-10, 2025, and January 11-17, 2025 from Curt Higginbotham
6. HR Report of January 11-24, 2025 from Erin Hughes
7. Animal Control/Shelter Report of January 10-24, 2025 from LaDonna Hughes
8. EMA Report of January 10-23, 2025 from Debbi Fletcher
9. Weights & Measures Report of January 2025 from Bob Butler
10. Treasurer's Monthly Report for December 2024 from Dawn Mayhood
11. Parks & Recreation Report of January 24, 2025 from Ryan Lemley

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

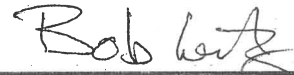
1. Summons, Appearance, and Complaint for Damages from the Law Office of Gary Hancock representing Jeannine Becker.
2. Notice of Tort Claim from Hankey Marks & Crider representing Dana and Gary Dicus.
3. Notice of Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office representing Shane L. Albertson.
4. Notice of Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office representing Arzo and Sulaman Akbarzada.
5. Notice of Public Hearing by the Hendricks County Plan Commission for Hendricks Community Soccer from Banning Engineering.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

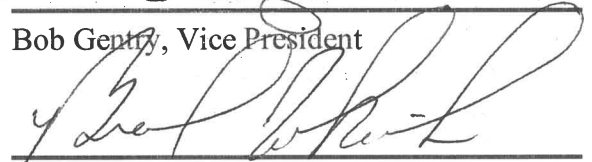
Commissioner Whicker moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:58 AM on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.



Dennis W. Dawes, President



Bob Gentry, Vice President



Brad Whicker, Member