



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2025 MEETING**

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 22, 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
Graham Youngs	County Attorney
Ann Stark	Auditor
Nancy Marsh	Council
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
Tiffany Dalton	Chief Deputy Surveyor
John Ayers	Engineer
Doug Morris	I.T. Director
Jack Swalley	Facilities Manager
Tim Dombrosky	Planning & Building Director
Curt Higginbotham	Highway Department Superintendent
Erin Hughes	Human Resources Administrator
Chad Boruff	Chief Probation Officer
Brian Day	Assistant Chief Probation Officer
Debbi Fletcher	EMA 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 to the Flag in unison, and gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AND OF THE APRIL 8, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting and of the April 8, 2025 Commissioners' Executive Session 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 261979-262535 and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning April 10, 2025 and ending April 23, 2025. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ZA 518/24: PULTE HOMES OF INDIANA LLC

Tim Dombrosky presented an Ordinance to amend the zoning map of Hendricks County from AGR/Agriculture

District to PUD/Planned Unit Development District, commonly known as ZA 518/24: Pulte Homes of Indiana LLC, S31-T17N-2E, Brown Township, parcel 32-01-31-100-002.000-001 & 32-01-31-100-003.000-001, totaling 92.843 acres, located between Maloney Road and County Road 700 N., east of the Ronald Reagan Parkway in Brownsburg. Tim Dombrosky advised the Plan Commission voted 5-1 during their April 8, 2025 Public Hearing to send an unfavorable recommendation for rezoning to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the unfavorable recommendation of the Plan Commission and deny the rezoning request as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion. Commissioner Gentry urged the HOAs in the area to work together to create some kind of a fund where they could contribute towards the design, screening, etc. of a development they would like to see built in the area and to appeal to their sense of fair play because he cannot find any evidence of where any farmers remonstrated against their developments when they were built. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Commissioner Dawes thanked Pulte Homes for the good job they've done in providing housing in Hendricks County and stated they are appreciated. Commissioner Dawes thanked those that sent emails to them about the project and advised that's how it works and is appreciated.

IN THE MATTER OF INDIANA LAND & LIBERTY COALITION

Daniel Straka and Lillian Floutsis, Indiana Land & Liberty Coalition, presented some information about their non-profit organization and advised they are a resource that advocates and educates for clean energy development.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Daniel Straka, and Lillian Floutsis regarding the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF INDOT 5339 PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Stacie Ware, LINK representative, presented the INDOT 5339 Motor Vehicle Purchase Agreement for \$264,980.00 to purchase two new buses 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.

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 IDOC JUSTICE REINVESTMENT GRANT FOR PROBATION

Chad Boruff presented the 2026 IDOC Justice Reinvestment Grant application for \$346,822.00, budget, and Letter of Support and requested approval. Chad Boruff stated that for the 2026 grant they are requesting one additional full-time employee and additional funding to help cover urine and drug screenings.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Chad Boruff regarding the matter.

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

DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL 2, 2025

Debbi Fletcher presented the Disaster Emergency Proclamation for the April 2, 2025 severe weather events and requested retroactive approval. Debbi Fletcher advised Commissioner Dawes already signed the Proclamation and it's the first step to allow residents and municipalities to potentially pursue federal reimbursement for damage.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Debbi Fletcher regarding the matter. Commissioner Dawes advised there was an informational meeting held with FEMA that was well attended.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Proclamation retroactive to April 2, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING OF 2025-1 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT FUNDED RESURFACING PROJECT

John Ayers recommended awarding the 2025-1 Community Crossings Grant Funded Resurfacing Project to Milestone Contractors for \$2,857,000.00 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Commissioner Whicker moved to award the Project to Milestone as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 39 UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

John Ayers presented the Bridge No. 39 Utility Reimbursement Agreement with Citizens Water for \$261,900.00 and recommended approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF GREYSTONE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR NEW SALT BARN

John Ayers presented the Greystone Construction Contract for \$267,335.00 for the new Highway Department salt barn and recommended approval subject to Greg Steuerwald's review as he has not had a chance to review it.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter and the Contract listing a TBD amount for tariffs that may or may not happen.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Contract subject to Counsel's review and approval. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 193 INSPECTION CONTRACT

John Ayers presented the Bridge No. 193 Construction Inspection Contract with Clark Dietz for \$184,535.30 and recommended approval.

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 PROPOSED ORDINANCES FOR STOP SIGNS IN CONTINENTAL ESTATES

John Ayers recommended a public hearing be scheduled for two proposed ordinances for stop signs in Continental Estates; a one way stop at the intersection of Liberty Lane and Continental Drive, with Liberty Lane having the stop control and a one way stop at the intersection of Thorncrest Lane and Thorncrest Drive, with Thorncrest Lane having the stop control.

Commissioner Gentry moved to schedule a public hearing for the proposed ordinances as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. The public hearing shall be scheduled for the May 13, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF FAIR HOUSING AND RELIGIOUS LAND USE POLICY & COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Commissioner Dawes reported that a few years ago a group brought a couple proposed projects to the County that were turned down and the group filed with the Department of Justice (DOJ) against the County. Commissioner Dawes advised the County was represented by Josh Minkler of Barnes & Thornburg, at the recommendation of local Counsel, and to meet the DOJ's requirements the County must act on the Fair Housing and Religious Land Use Policy and Complaint Procedure, along with the monetary award.

Commissioner Gentry moved to adopt the Policy and Procedure as required. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Commissioner Whicker advised that he reluctantly voted in favor of adopting as he was not a commissioner during the negotiations, but oversaw it on the Plan Commission. Commissioner Whicker stated he thought it was the finest hour as a County, was interviewed by the DOJ and it's an unfortunate outcome, and feels the County was unfairly targeted and treated. Commissioner Gentry stated Commissioner Whicker did an outstanding job chairing those meetings both times very, very fairly.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Dan Zuerner, Garmong Construction, reported lunch for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Highway

Department Facility is being served at noon and that parking is available at the Gordon Graham Airport.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Nancy Marsh reported she and the AIC are watching SB1 and it is full of unknowns. Nancy Marsh advised she is scared for the small counties because they do not have the capacity to raise taxes to offset the lost revenue like Hendricks County does.

Commissioner Dawes stated he agrees that Hendricks County is in good shape, not as good as it's used to, but many smaller counties are going to struggle. Commissioner Dawes advised the Community Crossings funding is still there. John Ayers stated it is still there, but it is a lot different and he is trying to sort through it.

Nancy Marsh stated funding for Indiana First is down to \$75 million.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gentry reported he contacted Senator Buchanon's Office recommending they keep zoning control with the counties.

Commissioner Dawes advised he contacted his office as well.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

1. Engineering Department Report of April 22, 2025 from John Ayers
2. Executive Director's Report of April 22, 2025 from Todd McCormack
3. I.T. Department Report of April 22, 2025 from Doug Morris
4. Facilities Department Report of April 8, 2025 from Jack Swalley
5. Highway Department Report of March 31-April 4, 2025 and April 5-11, 2025 from Curt Higginbotham
6. HR Report of April 5-18, 2025 from Erin Hughes
7. Animal Control/Shelter Report of April 4-16, 2025 from LaDonna Hughes
8. Weights & Measures Monthly Report of March 14-April 15, 2025 from Robert Butler
9. Parks & Recreation Report of April 16, 2025 from Ryan Lemley

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

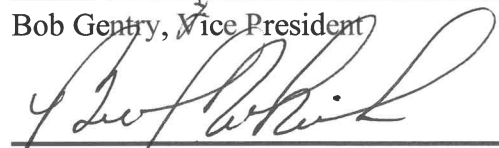
Commissioner Dawes adjourned the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:37 AM on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.



Dennis W. Dawes, President



Bob Gentry, Vice President



Brad Whicker, Member