

HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2025 MEETING

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 13, 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
Dave Wyeth Council
Laura Herzog Recorder
Dan Chubb Coroner

Stephanie Moore Chief Deputy Coroner

Jeff Hughes Merit Deputy
John Ayers Engineer
Doug Morris I.T. Director
Jack Swalley Facilities Manager

Tim Dombrosky Planning & Building Director
Erin Hughes Human Resources Administrator
Ryan Lemley Parks & Recreation Superintendent

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

Commissioner Dawes opened the Meeting at 9:06 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 22, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 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 Direct Deposit Numbers 262536-263090 and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning April 24, 2025 and ending May 14, 2025. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR STOP SIGNS IN CONTINENTAL ESTATES

Commissioner Dawes opened the Public Hearing at 9:08 AM for the two ordinances for one way stop signs in Continental Estates as follows:

- Intersection of Liberty Lane and Continental Drive, with Liberty Lane having the stop control
- Intersection of Thorncrest Lane and Thorncrest Drive, with Thorncrest Lane having the stop control

There were no remonstrators present and Commissioner Dawes closed the Public Hearing at 9:09 AM.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the two Ordinances as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Ordinance No. 2025-51 was assigned to the Liberty Lane Ordinance No. 2025-52 was assigned to the Thorncrest Lane Ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF CUMMINS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Amy Mace, Cummins Behavioral Health, presented their 2024 Annual Report.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Amy Mace regarding the matter and the significant number of youths served by their programs. Commissioner Gentry inquired why they didn't serve Northwest Hendricks Schools. Amy Mace stated the school system could not provide them with private space to meet with students needing service and advised they can meet with them at a Cummins Health location instead.

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 INDOT 5311/5339 GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Stacie Ware, LINK/Sycamore Services, presented their 2026 INDOT 5311/5339 Grant Application and Authorizing Resolution and requested approval. Stacie Ware advised these documents are required for them to be eligible to apply for the funding.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Application documents and Authorizing Resolution as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Resolution No. 2025-53 was assigned.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDERS RISK INSURANCE FOR NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FACILITY

John Parmley, EPIC Insurance, presented quotes for builders risk insurance for the new Highway Department Facility and recommended Travelers with a \$25,000.00 deductible for a total premium of \$14,004.00 or less.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Travelers quote with a \$25,000.00 deductible as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DAN MOORE REAL ESTATE SERVICES LETTER OF INTENT

Jack Swalley presented the Dan Moore Real Estate Services Letter of Intent to purchase 1475 E. Main Street in Danville and requested approval retroactive to April 30, 2025 as Commissioner Dawes already signed the Letter. Jack Swalley advised the appraisals should be back in about two weeks.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Letter retroactive to April 30, 2025 as requested. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF EMCOR SERVICES QUOTATION FOR COURTHOUSE

Jack Swalley presented the EMCOR Services Quotation for an amount not to exceed \$79,919.60 for phase 2 of the Courthouse piping project and requested approval retroactive to April 23, 2025 as Commissioner Dawes already signed the Quotation. Jack Swalley stated the work is complete and the system is up and running.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Quotation retroactive to April 23, 2025 as requested. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TK ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNMENT CENTER

Jack Swalley presented two TK Elevator Modernization Proposals totaling \$292,777.04 to update the elevators in the Government Center and requested approval. Jack Swalley advised each elevator will be down for a considerable amount of time, but both will not be down at the same time.

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

IN THE MATTER OF KOORSEN FIRE & SECURITY PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNMENT CENTER

Jack Swalley presented the Koorsen Fire & Security Proposal for \$30,987.00 to update the fire alarm system in the Government Center to be able to tie into the elevator updates to meet code and requested approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Greg Steuerwald, and Jack Swalley regarding the matter and the requested changes to the Proposal that Greg Steuerwald submitted.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Proposal subject to Counsel's approval of the final language. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER SERVICES CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FACILITY

Jack Swalley presented the Sewer Services Contribution Agreement with the Town of Danville and the West Central Conservancy District (WCCD) for \$200,000.00 for the new Highway Department Facility and requested approval subject to the revisions that have been requested. John Ayers advised the main revision is to better lock in a complete by date commitment from WCCD.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Greg Steuerwald, Jack Swalley, and John Ayers regarding the matter and Commissioner Whicker's disappointment that WCCD was still going to charge the County a tap fee on top of the \$200,000.00 donation. Commissioner Gentry stated he shares the same anxiety as Commissioner Whicker.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Agreement subject to Counsel's approval of the final language. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CSX TRANSPORTATION ADITIONAL FEES FOR RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY

John Ayers presented the CSX Transportation Letter for \$135,108.00 for their additional fees for flagging the Ronald Reagan Parkway Bridge No. 89 construction over the railroad and recommended approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter. Commissioner Whicker stated this brings the total fees to \$612,076.00 for CSX to oversee the construction.

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

IN THE MATTER OF CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION CONTRACTS FOR BRIDGE NO. 136 AND BRIDGE NO. 189

John Ayers presented the Bridge No. 136 Construction Inspection Contract with USI Consultants for \$201,400.00 and the Bridge No. 189 Construction Inspection Contract with USI Consultants for \$188,500.00 and recommended approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCES FOR CARTERSBURG & CR 901 E

John Ayers recommended a public hearing be scheduled for two proposed ordinances to reduce the speed limits on the following County Roads:

STREET(S)	LOCATION	<u>LIMIT</u>
Ann Street	Town of Cartersburg	20 MPH
Ellen Street	Town of Cartersburg	20 MPH
Summit Street	Town of Cartersburg	20 MPH
Church Street	Town of Cartersburg	20 MPH
Biddle Street	Town of Cartersburg	20 MPH
Main Street	Town of Cartersburg	20 MPH
Clark Street	Town of Cartersburg	20 MPH
N. CR 901 E.	South N. CR 900 E. at 56th Street or E. CR 600 N.	35 MPH
Sunset Lane	South N. CR 900 E. at 56 th Street or E. CR 600 N.	20 MPH

Commissioner Gentry moved to schedule a public hearing for the proposed ordinances as recommended. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. The public hearing shall be scheduled for the June 10, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF DELBERT CLEVENGER CONTRACT FOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

Commissioner Dawes reported the employee that used to install the wiring and equipment on the Fleet vehicles retired recently and would like to continue performing the work as a contractor and presented the Contract with Delbert Clevenger for consideration.

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 PROCLAMATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to present Lieutenant Jeffrey Hughes with the Proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week. Commissioner Dawes stated Peace Officers Memorial Day is May 15, 2025 and National Police Week is the week of May 11-17, 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH HENDRICKS POWER

Greg Steuerwald presented the Purchase Agreement with Hendricks Power for \$54,600.00 for parcel ID 32-14-26-200-014.000-013 in Liberty Township and recommended approval. Hendricks Power was the winning bidder in the online auction.

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 COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Dave Wyeth, Councilman and Fair Board member, and Tim Whicker, Fair Board Chairman of the Operations Committee, presented a model of the future plans for the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Dave Wyeth, Tim Whicker, and Jack Swalley regarding the matter, requesting funding from the Council, and the County's own plans to add a secure storage facility on the grounds.

Greg Steuerwald advised Jack Swalley and the Fair Board that they would need to get the planned improvements approved by the Hendricks County Building Facilities Corporation as they are the owners of the property.

Commissioner Daws congratulated Tim Whicker and his business for being named as one of the fastest growing businesses in the state by the Indiana Business Journal.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dawes reported the AIC Executive Director referenced an article in their monthly report from US News & World Report, advising that out of 3,000 counties in the US, Indiana had seven counties in the top 500 of healthiest counties in the US; Boone, Dubois, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, and Warrick.

Commissioner Dawes reported the Commissioners have a meeting with the HRH Board of Trustees later this month and stated that if you have items you'd like them to discuss with HRH, to please let them know.

Commissioner Dawes reported a few people will be traveling to Jackson County on May 19, 2025 to visit their Judicial Center and advised the bus will leave from the north parking lot of the Government Center at 9:00 AM.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

- 1. Engineering Department Report of May 13, 2025 from John Ayers
- 2. Executive Director's Report of May 13, 2025 from Todd McCormack
- 3. I.T. Department Report of May 13, 2025 from Doug Morris
- 4. Facilities Department Report of May 13, 2025 from Jack Swalley
- 5. Highway Department Report of April 14-18, 2025, April 19-25, 2025 and April 28-May 2, 2025 from Curt Higginbotham
- 6. HR Report of April 19-May 9, 2025 from Erin Hughes
- 7. Animal Control/Shelter Report of April 17-May 8, 2025 from LaDonna Hughes
- 8. EMA Report of March 22-April 25, 2025 from Debbi Fletcher
- 9. Parks & Recreation Report of May 8, 2025 from Ryan Lemley

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 1. Summons and Complaint on Promissory Note and to Foreclose Mortgage from MDK Legal representing HSBC Bank
- 2. Notice of Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office representing Arjun Ahluwalia
- 3. Notice of Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office representing Ashley and Thomas McClain

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 10:07 AM on Tuesday, May 13, 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