

HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2025 MEETING

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, July 8, 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

Greg Steuerwald

County Attorney

Ann Stark
Dan Chubb

Auditor

Dan Chubb

Coroner

David Gaston

Surveyor

Tiffany Dalton

Chief Deputy Surveyor

Doug Morris

I.T. Director

Kim Galloway

Assistant Engineer

Jack Swalley

Facilities Manager

Tim Dombrosky

Planning & Building Director

Erin Hughes

Human Resources Administrator

Dr. David Stopperich

Health Officer

Krista Click

Health Department Administrator

Lisa Chandler

Environmental Health Team Lead Food

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 JUNE 24, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by majority 2-0-1; Commissioner Whicker abstained because he did not attend the June 24, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve Direct Deposit Numbers 264761-265320 and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning June 26, 2025 and ending July 9, 2025. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE HENDRICKS COUNTY FOOD ORDINANCE

Commissioner Dawes opened the Public Hearing to amend the Hendricks County Food Ordinance at 9:03 AM.

There were no remonstrators present and Commissioner Dawes closed the Public Hearing at 9:04 AM.

Krista Click advised the majority of the amendments are to reflect the recent Indiana administrative code changes. Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Ordinance as advertised. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Ordinance No. 2025-15 was assigned.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR NUNALEY FAMILY TRUST VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Commissioner Dawes opened the Public Hearing at 9:05 AM for the Ordinance Vacating a Portion of County Road 625 West that currently abuts portions of the west and south sides of parcel no. 3-13-04-400-013.000-023 for the Dell H. Nunaley, Jr., and Martha M. Nunaley Family Trust.

There were no remonstrators present and Commissioner Dawes closed the Public Hearing at 9:06 AM.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Ordinance as advertised. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Ordinance No. 2025-16 was assigned.

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Whicker moved to reappoint Stan Albaugh to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) as recommended by the Assessor. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH MORGAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

Dan Chubb presented the Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Hendricks County Coroner's Office and Morgan County Coroner's Office to provide for the coordination of resources, personnel, and equipment during situations that exceed the capabilities of one office, including but not limited to mass fatality incidents, staffing shortages, equipment failure, or other emergencies and requested approval. Dan Chubb advised he finds he and his staff are going to assist Morgan County more because Morgan County only has four staff and stated this Agreement allows them to be compensated for their time.

Commissioner Gentry inquired if Morgan County would be using our morgue. Dan Chubb stated no, Morgan County has their own morgue that they would be utilizing for their calls.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion. Commissioner Dawes requested Dan Chubb keep track of the number of calls being covered for Morgan County to ensure it does not become a burden on his office. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY AUTOMATION SYSTEMS PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY/DOOR ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

Doug Morris presented the Security Automation Systems Proposal for \$409,982.00 to upgrade the security/door access control system at the Government Center, Animal Control, Work Release, Probation, Coroner, Courthouse Annex, Courthouse, and Sheriff's Office and Jail and requested approval. Doug Morris reported this is a joint effort with the Facilities Department and stated Jack Swalley has the funding for most of the project and the portion for the Jail will be paid for by the Jail Bond.

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

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING CURVE CORRECTION PROJECT

Kim Galloway recommended awarding the CR 700 S. and CR 525 E. Curve Correction Project to E&B Paving for \$486,464.98 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 28 RIGHT-OF-WAY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Kim Galloway presented the Bridge No. 28 Right-of-way Agreed Findings and Judgment with Amer-Store Brownsburg for \$42,000.00 as settlement for Cause No. 32C01-2410-PL-000140 and recommended approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Anthony Gary, 5794 Courtyard Crescent in Indianapolis, thanked the Commissioners for streaming their meetings on the County's YouTube Channel before the law went into effect on July 1, 2025. Anthony Gary suggested that whenever someone in the audience answers a question or makes a comment, the Commissioners have that person come up to the front and state their name and address and make the comment from there, so those listening remotely can hear them because you currently can't hear those speaking from the audience.

Jay Thompson, 7722 Quail Creek Trace in Pittsboro, thanked Terry Benton and Curt Higginbotham from the Highway Department for their donation of high visibility vests that he was able to use for a training class that he teaches.

Jay Thompson expressed his concerns of the costs of allowing the Town of Plainfield to run the 911 Communications Center and inquired if the Commissioners have thought about bringing the Center back underneath the County. Jay Thompson stated he has concerns about the way and amounts the Town is paying for certain salaries as they seem high to him and advised he reached out to the State Board of Accounts about them writing off some of the salaries. Jay Thompson also expressed concerns about the costs they're spending on vehicles, the lack of back-up 911 centers, and suggested the County bring it all back under them.

Steve Brehob, Banning Engineering, reported he was here previously with a proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the County to consider with David Weekley Homes and advised his recollection was that John Ayers, Greg Steuerwald, David Weekley Homes, and Banning were to work on the proposed terms to see what modifications could be made for it to be presented back to the Commissioners for consideration and inquired the status of it.

Greg Steuerwald advised he has been exchanging emails with John Ayers to try and work out terms that he is okay with and hopes to have a final draft finished soon. Greg Steuerwald stated he would let them know when the final version was ready to go back to the Commissioners for consideration.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CULVERT INVENTORY

Kim Galloway reported they interviewed the top three respondents to the Request for Qualifications for Culvert Inventory and recommended moving forward with Clark Dietz.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approving moving forward with Clark Dietz as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Greg Steuerwald reported he texted John Ayers regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Banning mentioned earlier and stated John Ayers is okay with the draft he had submitted to him. Greg Steuerwald advised he would share the draft with the Commissioners and Banning and inquired if the Commissioners would like to make a motion to approve the MOU, pending their final review.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the MOU, pending final review, with the President signing. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and inquired what the County is actually doing there. Greg Steuerwald advised the County would be agreeing to have David Weekley Homes pay the County for the total costs incurred to implement the road improvements required by their project when the County decides to do them. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Greg Steuerwald stated it is a unique situation because the project itself is within the Town of Brownsburg, but the road needing improved is not.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dawes reported the Hendricks County 4-H Fair begins July 13, 2025 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Dawes reported that the County Veterans Services Officer, Billy Staley, is holding a public forum for veterans tomorrow. Reach out to Billy Staley for further details.

Commissioner Gentry reported there is a new traffic pattern for entering the Fair this year, you will enter into the lot and then pay after you have parked, which should be much easier.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

- 1. Engineering Department Report of July 8, 2025 from John Ayers
- 2. Executive Director's Report of July 8, 2025 from Todd McCormack
- 3. I.T. Department Report of July 8, 2025 from Doug Morris
- 4. Facilities Department Report of July 8, 2025 from Jack Swalley
- 5. Highway Department Report of June 15-20, 2025 and June 26-27, 2025 from Curt Higginbotham
- 6. HR Report of June 22-July 3, 2025 from Erin Hughes
- 7. Animal Control/Shelter Report of June 20-July 2, 2025 from LaDonna Hughes
- 8. Parks & Recreation Report of July 3, 2025 from Ryan Lemley

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Whicker moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, July 8, 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

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