



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2026 MEETING**

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 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
Larry Scott	Councilman
Dave Wyeth	Councilman
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
Nicole Lawson	Assessor
Dawn Mayhood	Treasurer
Scott Larsen	Merit Chief Deputy
Catherine Haines	Court Administrator
Doug Morris	I.T. Director
John Gramling	Assistant I.T. Director
Paul Weddle	Facilities Manager
Debbi Fletcher	EMA Director
Krista Click	Health Department Administrator
Kasey Johnson	Highway Assistant Superintendent
Bart Harvey	Highway & Bridge Project Manager
Brian Day	Assistant Chief Probation Officer
Dwight Stevenson	Home Detention Coordinator
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 of Allegiance in unison, and gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

ELECTION OF 2026 OFFICERS

Commissioner Gentry moved to elect Commissioner Dawes as President for 2026. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Whicker moved to elect Commissioner Gentry as Vice President for 2026. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 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 271448-273082 and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning December 11, 2025 and ending January 14, 2026. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MILES FARM HOME DEDICATION

Jack Lawson, Lawson & Co., requested the Commissioners accept the donation of the Miles Farm home located at 1322 W. US Highway 36 in Danville as a gift to the County from the Miles family. Jack Lawson reported the generous donation stipulates that the home remain part of the historic Hoosier Homestead for all to enjoy and that if the County ever decides it needs to liquidate the property, they County shall be made whole financially, but shall not profit from it and the remaining proceeds be split amongst the Hendricks County Historical Society, the Hendricks County Parks Board, and the local FFA. Jack Lawson advised the Hendricks County Friends of the Museum have agreed to help maintain and operate the home.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to accept the donation of the Miles Farm home, with a closing to occur sometime in March of 2026, and to work with the Hendricks County Friends of the Museum on a plan going forward as requested. The Commissioners expressed their deep appreciation to the Miles family for their donation.

Pat Baldwin, Hendricks County Friends of the Museum, reported there are several options to look at for the use of the home.

IN THE MATTER OF HENDRICKS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER

Commissioner Dawes reported the Commissioners are declaring the physical repairs to the Animal Control Shelter an emergency and are appointing Garmong and Dan Zuerner as the Construction Manager for the work to be done to bring the facility back to a better place than it is now physically.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Greg Steuerwald, and Dan Zuerner regarding the matter and Dan Zuerner advised the work will be done in several phases and the plan is to try and keep the animals in place while performing the work and cleaning out the facility. Dan Zuerner stated they plan to obtain 2-3 quotes for each phase and requested approval to address the items listed in their MEP report and their general condition report. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Garmong to address the items listed in their reports.

Commissioner Dawes reported part of the reason to take the emergency approach is to move the repairs along as quickly as possible instead of going through the formal bid process for each phase of work needed because that would substantially delay the work and reiterated that Garmong is not performing any of the work themselves and are solely serving as the Construction Manager. Dan Zuerner reported all the work is repair/maintenance based and no new construction is included in the scope

IN THE MATTER OF INSURANCE DISCUSSION

John Parmley, EPIC Insurance Midwest, recommended changing to Chubb for property insurance, all others remain with the current carrier, and increasing most liability insurance deductibles to \$100,000.00 for the 2026 insurance renewals.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Parmley regarding the matter. Commissioner Dawes inquired if the County's liability insurance provided coverage for the County's legal counsel. John Parmley stated it does not as they would need to have their own insurance coverage. John Parmley advised there is coverage for the appointed boards. Commissioner Gentry requested the Vehicle Accident Review Board become active and review the accidents that are occurring.

Commissioner Gentry moved to follow John Parmley's recommendations. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Gentry moved to appoint Chuck Parsons (Council), Jason Wright (Sheriff's Dept./Chief Animal Control Officer), Raven Gerbick (Hendricks County Friends of the Shelter), Carol Battistini (Hendricks County Humane Society), Greg Anderson (Citizen), Scott Butrum (Misty Eyes), and Todd McCormack (Non-Voting Advisor) to serve on the Animal Control Advisory Group. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Commissioner Dawes advised they are leaving the veterinarian spot open while they seek an individual to fill it and that Commissioner Gentry will serve as the Commissioner.

Commissioner Gentry moved to nominate Jaime Bohler-Smith to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to serve on the Capital Improvement Board. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Gentry moved to appoint Shane Sommers to serve on the Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BOND RELEASE ON KOGER STREET

Commissioner Gentry moved to release the bond for Koger Street. Commissioner Dawes seconded this motion and inquired if Tim Dombrosky and John Ayers had any comments.

Tim Dombrosky stated he is not in favor of the bond being released as the improvements have not been completed.

Commissioner Gentry and Commissioner Dawes withdrew their motions.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Tim Dombrosky, and John Ayers regarding the matter. Tim Dombrosky stated if the County releases the bond, they have no recourse for the improvements to be made. Tim Dombrosky advised that if the new developer is not willing to do the improvements, the next step would be for the County to try again to revoke the bond.

Commissioner Whicker moved to deny releasing the bond for Koger Street. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PEDESTRIAN PATH ON COUNTY ROAD 1000 N.

Tim McCain, 10388 Breezeway Circle in Brownsburg, inquired why the pedestrian path was removed from the plans for the County Road 1000 N. improvements and requested it be picked back up as part of the phase 1 scope as he and other residents in Austin Winds feel the increase in traffic and the widening of County Road 1000 N. warrants a pedestrian path.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, John Ayers, and Tim McCain regarding the matter and any optional funding sources. John Ayers advised the funding for the improvements is from SR 267 relinquishment funds from INDOT and the original scope of work for phase 1 was dialed back to try and fit within that allotted amount of funding. Tim McCain reported Representative Cash indicated the County could apply for READI funding that could be used for the project, if awarded, and inquired if the County had plans to do so. John Ayers advised mixing state and federal funding sources together can be complicated and because of that, he had not applied for possible READI funding and stated at some point, the goal is to have a path on 1000 North. Commissioner Dawes reported that from a Commissioners' standpoint, the goal is to get the Ronald Reagan Parkway completed to where it ties into I65 and County Road 1000 N. completed as well, and will commit that the County will come back and put in a path that will be acceptable. Commissioner Dawes stated the County will figure out how to do that, but it will not be a part of phase 1.

**IN THE MATTER OF WAIVER OF APPLICATION FEES
FOR HENDRICKS COMMUNITY SOCCER**

Commissioner Dawes reported they heard this request during their Drainage Board Meeting for the County to waive the application fees for the Hendricks Community Soccer project, a local not-for-profit.

Commissioner Gentry moved to waive the application fees for the project as requested. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE
ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Dwight Stevenson presented Amendment No. 1 to the BI Inc. Electronic Monitoring Service Agreement and requested approval. Dwight Stevenson advised the Amendment saves the County approximately \$600-\$700 each month because the service does not need to apply to alcohol monitoring.

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 HEALTH BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Krista Click presented the 2026 Health Board Attorney Contract with Eric Oliver for \$2,750.00 per year for meeting attendance and \$300.00 per hour for other work and requested approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR PROPERTY APPRAISER

Nicki Lawson requested approval of the Notice to Bidders for a Professional Appraiser to assist her office. Bids shall be due by 12:00 PM on February 9, 2026 and read aloud at the February 10, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting.

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS GROUP CONTRACTS

Ann Stark presented the Financial Solutions Group 2026 Continuing Disclosure Filings Proposal for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per year, the 2026 Proposal for Budget, Sustainability/Revenue and Spending Plan, "1782 Notice" Review for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, and the 2026 Proposal for General TIF Consulting and TIF Neutralization for an hourly rate with no not to exceed listed and requested approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Ann Stark, and Mila Shaffer regarding the matter and the Commissioners requested clarification on the Proposal for General TIF Consulting for their next meeting.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Proposal for the Continuing Disclosure Filings and the Proposal for the Budget, Sustainability/Revenue and Spending Plan, "1782 Notice" Review as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARDING AND CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE NO. 28

John Ayers recommended awarding Bridge No. 28 to HIS Constructors for \$1,894,280.00 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and presented the Contract for signing.

Commissioner Gentry moved to award Bridge No. 28 to HIS Constructors as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 28 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AGREEMENT

John Ayers recommended awarding Bridge No. 28 construction inspection to Clark Dietz for \$76,995.00 as the on-call construction inspector.

Commissioner Whicker moved to award the construction inspection to Clark Dietz as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CULVERT INSPECTIONS AGREEMENT

John Ayers presented the Clark Dietz Agreement for Engineering Services for \$232,360.00 for culvert inspections and recommended approval.

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 PROPOSED STOP SIGNS IN LAKELAND MANOR, RAINBOW ACRES, AND SHILOH CROSSING

John Ayers requested a public hearing be scheduled for proposed ordinances to place stop signs in Lakeland Manor, Rainbow Acres, and Shiloh Crossing.

Commissioner Gentry moved to conduct a public hearing on January 27, 2026 as requested. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY PHASE 1B CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AGREEMENT

John Ayers presented the United Consulting Agreement for Engineering Services for \$2,360,000.00 for the Ronald Reagan Parkway Phase 1B construction inspection 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 DISTRICT OFFICE LEASE AMENDMENT

Greg Steuerwald presented the District Office Lease Amendment for January 3, 2025-January 2, 2027 for \$1,000.00 per month and recommended approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Bates (2346 Liatrix Drive in Plainfield), Kimberly Keck (8528 N. County Road 75 E. in Lizton), and Jodi Ensign (5727 Tara Way in Pittsboro) expressed concerns and questions regarding the Animal Control Shelter and rumors of a new euthanasia policy for 2026.

There was lengthy discussion amongst the Commissioners, Todd McCormack, Greg Steuerwald, John Bates, Kimberly Keck, and Jodi Ensign regarding the matter. Refer to <https://www.youtube.com/@HendricksCoGov> for the audio/visual of the discussion. The Commissioners and Greg Steuerwald advised the following: there is no new euthanasia policy and the facility continues to operate under the presiding ordinances, the facility is not being closed, the capacity is not being increased but additional cages might be a possibility as the miscellaneous items inside the facility are cleaned out and organized, Dr. Jackie Busch was not appointed to the Animal Control Advisory Group due to a financial conflict of interest because she receives compensation from the County as a vendor, the Commissioners are looking for veterinarian input from a vet science standpoint, the Commissioners agreed that the County has failed at performing adequate preventative maintenance at the facility, the Facilities Manager has the responsibility for ensuring maintenance is completed at all County owned facilities, these types

of concerns and questions are items that should be directed to the Animal Control Advisory Group once their meetings convene as they will serve as the advisory board to the Commissioners, and the County needs a contract or engagement letter from the veterinarian that is providing services to the animals at the Animal Control Shelter.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING ITEMS AS SURPLUS

John Ayers recommended the 2000 Ford F350 flatbed, the E090 Hot Box trailer, and the Vac trailer for the Highway Department be declared as surplus and sent to auction.

Commissioner Gentry moved to declare the three items as surplus and be sent to auction as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE FURNITURE AND DELAYED EGRESS ALARMED EXIT

Paul Weddle reported Superior Court No. 3 needs a delayed egress alarmed exit device installed that will cost \$5,950.00 plus programming costs and advised they would like to have some new tables and chairs for the Courthouse rotunda area that are estimated to cost \$4,612.00.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to proceed with the egress device and furniture for the rotunda.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Greg Steuerwald reported the County needs to update their purchasing policy.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dawes congratulated the Plainfield High School Boys' Basketball Team and the Plainfield high School Girls' Basketball Team for winning the County Tournament and stated he is very impressed with the Boys' Team.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

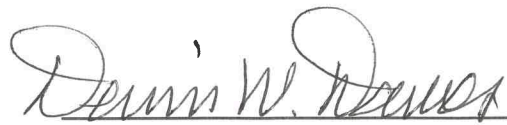
1. Engineering Department Report of January 13, 2026 from John Ayers
2. Executive Director Report of January 13, 2026 from Todd McCormack
3. I.T. Department Report of January 13, 2026 from Doug Morris
4. Facilities Department Report of January 13, 2026 from Paul Weddle
5. HR Report December 6, 2025-January 9, 2026 from Erin Hughes
6. Weights & Measures Report of November 15-December 15, 2025
7. Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending December 31, 2025 from Dawn Mayhood
8. Parks & Recreation Report of January 9, 2026 from Ryan Lemley

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Certified Letter from the Town of Danville
2. Notice of Public Hearing by the Town of Avon BZA for VAR(U) 25-08: RISE Personal Services for 1691 S. Ronald Reagan Parkway in Avon from RISE Commercial District
3. Notice of Tort Claim from Golitko & Daly representing Lavei Tupou Maama, Deceased
4. Letter from Biesecker Dutkanych & Macer, LLC

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

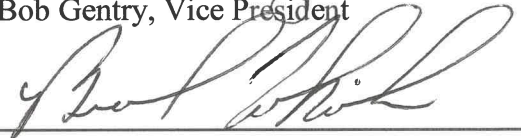
Commissioner Whicker moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 10:39 AM on January 13, 2026. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.



Dennis W. Dawes, President



Bob Gentry, Vice President



Brad Whicker, Member

Prepared by:


Mila M. Shaffer