



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2026 MEETING

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The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 27, 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
Graham Youngs	County Attorney
John Ayers	Engineer
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
Debbie Riley	Chief Deputy Clerk
Doug Morris	I.T. Director
Paul Weddle	Facilities Manager
Kasey Johnson	Highway Assistant Superintendent
Tim Dombrosky	Planning 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 9:00 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.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to John Ayers, Kasey Johnson, Sheriff Sadler, and Debbie Fletcher for their assistance during the inclement weather and thanked the Sheriff's Department and Highway Department employees for a job well done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2026 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2026 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 273083-273633 and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning January 15, 2026 and ending January 28, 2026. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS GROUP CONTRACTS

Mila Shaffer presented the Financial Solutions Group 2026 Proposal for General TIF Consulting and TIF Neutralization questioned at the last Commissioners' Meeting and advised the Proposal is for hourly rates only and does not contain a not to exceed amount.

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 PUBLIC HEARING FOR STOP SIGNS IN LAKELAND MANOR, RAINBOW ACRES, AND SHILOH CROSSING

Commissioner Dawes opened the Public Hearing at 9:03 AM for the two ordinances for stop signs in Lakeland Manor Subdivision, Rainbow Acres Subdivision, and Shiloh Creek Estates Subdivision as follows:

- Intersection of Lakeland Lane and Lakeland Boulevard with Lakeland Lane having the stop control
- Hope Drive/Rainbow Boulevard with an eastbound stop
- Saddle Hill Court/Shiloh Creek Way with an eastbound stop
- Olivia Court/Shiloh Creek Way with a westbound stop
- Rainbow Boulevard/Shiloh Creek Way with a southbound stop
- Melissa Ann Court/Melissa Ann Drive with a southbound stop

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

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Ordinance for Lakeland Manor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Ordinance No. 2026-01 was assigned. Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Ordinance for Rainbow Acres Subdivision and Shiloh Creek Estates Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Ordinance No. 2026-02 was assigned.

IN THE MATTER OF 4TH QUARTER 2025 INDYGO CLAIM

Stacie Ware, LINK representative, presented the Section 5307 4th Quarter 2025 IndyGo Claim Voucher for \$162,407.50 and requested approval.

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

Stacie Ware reported they're due for their 5311 Program site visit and requested one of the Commissioners or a representative attend the visit. Stacie Ware stated Todd McCormack attended last time. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Todd McCormack to attend.

IN THE MATTER OF WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANT FOR PROJECT LIFT

Joe Jasin, Hendricks County Economic Development, introduced John Taylor, interim Executive Director. Commissioner Dawes stated he appreciates John Taylor's knowledge and his willingness to serve.

Joe Jasin requested a favorable recommendation to take to the Council for a \$350,000.00 Workforce Training Grant for Hyster-Yale for Project Lift in Avon. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, John Taylor, and Joe Jasin regarding the Project.

Commissioner Gentry moved to send a favorable recommendation to the Council. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 INFINITY VOTING SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Debbie Riley presented the 2026 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement for \$15,000.00 and requested approval.

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 2026 MACHINE TECHNICIAN CONTRACT

Debbie Riley presented the 2026 Machine Technician Contract with Scott Butrum for \$20,000.00 for the 2026 voting year and requested approval.

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 ZA 530/25: MUHAMED GHANIM

Tim Dombrosky presented an Ordinance to amend the zoning map of Hendricks County from AGR (Agricultural Residential) District to GB (General Business) District, commonly known as ZA 530/25: Muhamed Ghanim, S13-T16-R1E, Lincoln Township, Parcel totaling 2.45 acres; located at 1593 E. US Highway 136. Tim Dombrosky advised this amendment rectifies non-conforming use that was never zoned commercially. Tim Dombrosky reported the Plan Commission voted unanimously 5-0 during their January 13, 2026 Public Hearing to send a favorable recommendation to the Commissioners and there were no remonstrators.

Commissioner Whicker moved to approve the rezoning as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Ordinance No. 2026-03 was assigned.

IN THE MATTER OF STUDIO VIEW PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRAINING BUILDOUT

Paul Weddle presented the Studio View Proposal for \$31,250.00 for the design of the Sheriff's Office training buildout area and Animal Control Offices above the administrative offices and requested approval.

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 EXCEL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLASS

Erin Hughes reported she has been working with Hendricks County College Network to bring some training classes for employees and advised there will be a two-day Excel Professional Development Class presented by Treg Hopkins at the Government Center. Erin Hughes stated College Network is covering the cost of the classes that will be limited to twenty employees and requested approval to proceed.

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

IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BRIDGE NO. 49

John Ayers presented the Notice to Bidders for Bridge No. 49 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Notice as presented. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Bids shall be due by 9:00 AM on February 24, 2026.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN OF BRIDGE NOS. 141 AND 198

John Ayers presented a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design of Bridge No. 141 and Bridge No. 198 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the RFQ as recommended. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. RFQs shall be due by 3:00 PM on February 16, 2026.

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 COUNCIL ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Commissioner Dawes presented the 2026 Council Attorney Contract with Cook Government Advisors for \$2,200.00 per month and \$275.00 per hour for any hours exceeding seven hours per month as recommended by the Council.

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 2026 COUNTY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Commissioner Dawes presented the 2026 County Attorney Contract with Steuerwald Witham & Youngs for \$60,000.00 per year to attend all regularly scheduled meetings and \$300.00 per hour for work outside of meetings.

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 COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Sadler commended the Highway Department for their road clearing efforts since the storm and presented a Quote from Axon Enterprises for \$18,589.15 to add five tasers for new deputies and requested approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

Commissioner Dawes reported there is an Animal Control Advisory Group Board Meeting scheduled for February 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM in Meeting Room 4 & 5 and advised that Dr. Gary Maloney is willing to serve as the veterinarian.

Commissioner Whicker moved to appoint Dr. Gary Maloney to serve on the Animal Control Advisory Group. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Gentry reported Raven Gerbick, Hendricks County Friends of the Shelter, will be reaching out to Todd McCormack in regard to setting up an agenda for the meeting.

Commissioner Dawes reported the new Animal Control Shelter Supervisor will start on February 16, 2026.

IN THE MATTER OF LEASING OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Commissioner Dawes requested the record reflect that there is a consensus agreement of the Commissioners to support the Sheriff's request to start leasing their vehicles through Enterprise.

IN THE MATTER OF PRIVATE USE OF THE COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Dawes requested Paul Weddle look into the policy regarding the private use of the Courthouse and bring back recommendations for changes or thoughts on whether they should continue to allow that use of it.

Paul Weddle reported that with the changes to the uses, layout of the rotunda with the added resource help desk, space for attorney meetings, and other items that the private use may not be a good idea any longer,

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dawes reported the Commissioners did send a letter to Citizens Energy Group and they will have a future meeting with some entities to talk about the reservoir, County water, and water usage.

Commissioner Gentry reported he had been in contact with Bartholomew County and learned where to go to get reports showing water usage and wells drilled in the last 15-17 years and will get it to the other Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

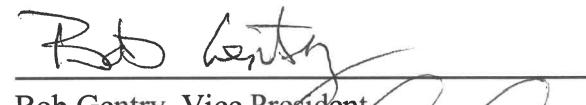
1. Engineering Department Report of January 27, 2026 from John Ayers
2. Executive Director Report of January 27, 2026 from Todd McCormack
3. I.T. Department Report of January 27, 2026 from Doug Morris
4. Facilities Department Report of January 27, 2026 from Paul Weddle
5. HR Report of January 10-23, 2026 from Erin Hughes
6. Weights & Measures Report of December 16, 2025-January 15, 2026 from Robert Butler
7. Animal Control Shelter Report of January 9-23, 2026 from Angela Tate
8. Parks & Recreation Report of January 23, 2026 from Ryan Lemley

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:35 AM on January 27, 2026. 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

Prepared by: 
Mila M. Shaffer