



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2024 MEETING**

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 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:

Phyllis A. Palmer	Commissioner, President
Bob Gentry	Commissioner, Vice President
Dennis W. Dawes	Commissioner
R. Todd McCormack	Executive Director
Greg Steuerwald	County Attorney
Mila M. Shaffer	Administration and Public Affairs
Nancy Marsh	Auditor
John Ayers	Engineer
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
Laura Herzog	Recorder
Tiffany Dalton	Chief Deputy Surveyor
Doug Morris	I.T. Director
Curt Higginbotham	Highway Department Superintendent
Erin Hughes	Human Resources Administrator
Mark Chmielewski	Government Center Security Deputy
Paul Weddle	Interim Facilities Manager
Ryan Lemley	Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Catherine Haines	Court Administrator (Attended Remotely)
Rick Morphew	Coroner (Attended Remotely)
Krista Click	Health Department Administrator (Attended Remotely)
Karen Boals	Chief Deputy Recorder (Attended Remotely)
Kim Galloway	Assistant Engineer (Attended Remotely)
Terry Benton	Highway Department Office Manager (Attended Remotely)
Paula Alkire	Financial Administrator (Attended Remotely)
Brynn Butler	Grant Assistant (Attended Remotely)
LaDonna Hughes	Animal Shelter Supervisor (Attended Remotely)

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

Commissioner Palmer opened the Meeting at 9:01 AM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison. Greg Steuerwald gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2024 Commissioners' Executive Session and of the May 14, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve Check Numbers 110595-110597, Direct Deposit Numbers 248586-249162, and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning May 16, 2024 and ending May 29, 2024. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2024 SECTION 5311 QUARTER 1 CLAIM

Pat Cockrum, LINK/Sycamore Services, thanked everyone for everything they've done during his tenure and introduced the new CEO, Yolanda Kincaid. The Commissioners thanked Pat Cockrum and welcomed Yolanda Kincaid.

LaDonna Everroad, LINK/Sycamore Services, presented the 2024 Section 5311 Quarter 1 Claim for INDOT for \$141,436.00 and requested approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2025 SECTION 5311/5339 GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

LaDonna Everroad, LINK/Sycamore Services, presented the 2025 Section 5311/5339 Grant Application and Authorizing Resolution and requested approval.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Application and Resolution as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Nancy Marsh assigned Resolution No. 2024-20.

IN THE MATTER OF BAKER TILLY US, LLP ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR GAAP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Nancy Marsh presented the Baker Tilly, US. LLP Engagement Letter for \$99,000.00 for the 2024-2025 GAAP Financial Statements and requested approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF NRG CONTRACT RENEWALS

Paul Weddle presented the 3-Year NRG Contract Renewals for natural gas and requested approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Paul Weddle regarding the matter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF R. CHAVEZ CHANGE ORDER NO. 15 FOR CORONER'S OFFICE

Paul Weddle presented the R. Chavez Change Order No. 15 for \$40,000.00 for the generator upgrade for the new Coroner's Office and requested approval. Paul Weddle stated he does not have funding to cover it and will have to go to the Council.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Paul Weddle regarding the matter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL REPORT

Curt Higginbotham presented the 2023 Highway Department Operational Report and requested approval.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR ALL-WAY (4-WAY) STOP AT
INTERSECTION OF CR 0 AND CR 900 S**

John Ayers presented a proposed ordinance to modify the intersection of CR 0 and CR 900 S. from a 2-Way Stop to an ALL-Way (4-Way) Stop and requested a public hearing be scheduled for June 25, 2024.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to schedule the public hearing on June 25, 2024 as requested. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON
NORTHRIDGE DRIVE**

John Ayers presented a proposed ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph on Northridge Drive from Washington Street to the end of the cul-de-sac and requested a public hearing be scheduled for June 25, 2024.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to schedule the public hearing on June 25, 2024 as requested. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BRIDGE NO. 88

John Ayers presented the Notice to Bidders for Bridge No. 88 and recommended approval. Bids shall be due by 9:00 AM on June 25, 2024.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BRIDGE NO. 290

John Ayers presented the Notice to Bidders for Bridge No. 290 and recommended approval. Bids shall be due by 9:00 AM on June 25, 2024.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF AT&T MASTER AGREEMENT

Commissioner Palmer presented the AT&T Master Agreement for the switch for the Hendricks County Communications Center.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Nancy Marsh, Doug Morris, Greg Steuerwald, and Jared McKee (Town of Plainfield) regarding the matter. Greg Steuerwald stated he had not reviewed the Agreement and was curious why the County was signing this Agreement when it is for the Communications Center. Jared McKee stated the County is signing it because the County provided the funding for the project.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Agreement contingent upon review by Counsel and confirmation it will not impact any other services the County has. Commissioner Dawes 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

Nancy Marsh reported 2025 Budgets were sent out on May 24, 2024.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dawes thanked Nancy Marsh and the Council for approving the Public Safety Grants for the Townships and stated they are greatly appreciative. Nancy Marsh stated the funding Resolution will be on the next Commissioners' Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Dawes reported he is working on a letter to the Indianapolis Airport Authority regarding the Gordon Graham Airport. Commissioner Palmer stated she received a couple more emails over the weekend.

Commissioner Palmer expressed her sympathy to the family that lost their 18-year-old in an automobile accident near Stilesville on May 27, 2024.

IN THE MATTER OF BOX CULVERT FOR COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST

John Ayers reported they received two quotes for the box culvert needed for the replacement on County Road 400 East, just south of US 40, and requested permission to order the culvert from the lowest quote for \$58,000.00. John Ayers stated the Highway Department will be performing the work in-house and advised the majority of the project is being paid for by the developer.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to order the box culvert as requested.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

CHECKS RECEIVED

1. \$6,594.00	M&J Farms	Lease of Agricultural Ground
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STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

1. Receipt acknowledged for the Engineering Department Report of May 28, 2024 from John Ayers.
2. Receipt acknowledged for the Executive Director's Report of May 28, 2024 from Todd McCormack.
3. Receipt acknowledged for the I.T. Department Report of May 28, 2024 from Doug Morris.
4. Receipt acknowledged for the Facilities Department Report of May 28, 2024 from Paul Weddle.
5. Receipt acknowledged for the HR Report of May 11-24, 2024 from Erin Hughes.
6. Receipt acknowledged for the Highway Department Report of April 29, 2024-May 3, 2024, May 6-10, 2024, and May 13-17, 2024 from Curt Higginbotham.
7. Receipt acknowledged for the Animal Control/Shelter Report of May 11-23, 2024 from LaDonna Hughes.
8. Receipt acknowledged for the EMA Report of May 10-28, 2024 from Debbi Fletcher.
9. Receipt acknowledged for the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending May 20, 2024 from Dawn Mayhood.
10. Receipt acknowledged for the Parks & Recreation Report of May 23, 2024 from Ryan Lemley.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Notice of Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office representing April and Donnie Morton.
2. Notice of Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office representing LeRoy and Phyllis Dierkes.


3. Notice of Public Hearing by the Brownsburg Advisory Plan Commission for PCPP-24-2, southwest corner of E. County Road 300 N. and Ronald Reagan Parkway, from Kimley Horn.
 4. Notice of Public Hearing by the Brownsburg Advisory Plan Commission for PMCA-24-4, southeast corner of E. US Hwy 136 and Ronald Reagan Parkway, from Comer Law Office.
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IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:53 AM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.



Phyllis A. Palmer, President



Bob Gentry, Vice President



Dennis W. Dawes, Member