

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

January 9, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Alex Zimmerman, Shane Boswell, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting started with restructuring. Shane made a motion to reappoint Matt Sporleder as President, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Charlie made a motion to reappoint Shane as Vice President, Matt seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci has three travel requests to present to commissioners for approval. The first request is from Jerry Shepherd for training on 1/15/2025. He will drive the EMA vehicle and there will be no additional cost to the county. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The next travel request is for Travis Shepherd and Andy Judd to attend a conference in Fort Lauderdale in February. The cost for this will be paid from Probation User fees. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The third request is for Randy Shepherd and Jasmine Dillon to attend a state called meeting in Indianapolis on January 13 through January 17. The travel expenses will be paid from county general because it is a state called meeting. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci received a phone call from the Recycling Center and the containers have not been picked up due to the weather and are overflowing, therefore they had to close early. Matt said that they should have called him, and he would have called the Southern Indiana Recycling District. Matt said, "There is an overflow dumpster on the backside at the county highway department and that is why they should have called me."

Nicci gives a quick update on the clinic. Since January 2nd, between the county and the school, there have been 50 people utilize the clinic. Nicci says that things are going smooth and there were a few bumps in the road, but nothing major. Nicci also wanted to personally thank the commissioners and the highway department for all the cleanup that they have done. She said that the guys at the highway have gone above and beyond, and that there were a lot of farmers that stepped up and helped also. She also thanks EMS, Law Enforcement, and 911. These departments do not get the time off for the emergency closings. Shane said that he also wants to thank Dave O'Mara for their help with the roads.

The commissioners signed the county attorneys 2025 contract that was approved in a prior meeting.

Matt asked Alex if they needed to take any action on the farmers that assisted the county in clearing the roads during the snowstorm (January 7th). Alex stated that he wasn't sure what he was talking about. The highway department got behind and had trucks in ditches and some farmers came forward and volunteered to help. Matt said that he feels that they should get reimbursed for helping the county. Matt said that they would need to provide an itemized statement of the roads they assisted with and the hours that they worked. The county would then reimburse them \$50.00 per hour. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Matt said that it is important to have this on record for the purpose of being reimbursed if there is a disaster declaration. If there is not, the highway has a budgetary line item to pay it from. Matt asked, for futures purposes, if we should have a contract in place to employ outside persons? Alex said that he could take this to the county's insurance company.

Matt said that he has had a few people reach out to him regarding the minutes not being on the county website. He asked someone to explain things to him and what it looked like for the future. Matt asked about the timeline for the process. Matt said that the minutes need approved before they are uploaded. Alex said that if anyone follows Roberts Rules of Order, minutes get approved at the next meeting. Alex said that anyone can request a draft copy of the minutes from the Auditors office. Shane said if the minutes are completed to be approved at the following meeting, that is really the only timeline for the Auditor. Nathan Smith explained to the commissioners that the website is only capable of uploading 15 attachments, and the commissioners have 26 meetings a year, so he must upload one months' worth of minutes at a time. Nathan said that the county needs a new website. A new website will allow each department the capability to upload their own documents. Nathan recommends that Nicci or Marie oversee the project for a new website. Alex said that a new law is going into effect July 1st that all meetings must be live streamed. The county purchased new equipment to be able to live stream the meetings. The Auditor explained to the commissioners that the public can view meetings and minutes within Data Pitstop. There will be a link on the county website that will take you to Data Pitstop.

Matt said that he would like to have the previous meeting minutes amended and would sign them in the next meeting. Charlie's name needs to be added also. Shane made a motion to approve as amended, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to approve payroll and claims, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There is a Barnes & Thornburgh invoice that needs to be approved, and the commissioners said to take it to the council for approval.

The commissioners welcomed Charlie aboard!

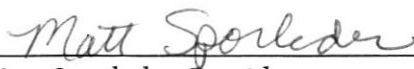
Charlie made a motion to adjourn, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



 Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



 Charlie St. John



 Matt Sporleder, President



 Shane Boswell