

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

July 10, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, Alex Zimmerman, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shane made a motion to appoint Andrew Flora to the Alcohol Board, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Andrew Flora will replace Bob Curry on board.

Cody Low asks the commissioners to approve a credit application for Cummins Allison. Shane made a motion to approve and sign, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Cody reached out to INDOT regarding 500N. at the fairgrounds and they would need to perform a study before allowing a temporary light to go up.

Jodi Comer with Southern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) shares with the commissioners Jennings County Contribution Rate of Return. In 2024, Jennings Counties investment was \$11,045.00 and received grant awards in the amount of \$537,742.00, which results in a rate of return of 4769%. The partnership planning grant with EDA is ongoing. Rural traffic counts and special traffic counts are annual programs with INDOT that are also ongoing. Jodi explains that she had heard that the county was working with another agency and wanted to make sure that SIRPC maintains their relationship with Jennings County. The commissioners thank Jodi for all her hard work.

The auditor speaks about replacing the current time and attendance program, Kronos to LOW time and attendance. The current time and attendance program is outdated and no longer meets the operational or compliance needs of our county. The new time and attendance system will allow the breakdown of hours (comp, personal, vacation, etc.). The recorder said that she thinks that the department heads should get to had input on the new time and attendance program. She is asking the commissioners to table it and allow the department heads to meet with HR and the Auditor to get a better understanding of the new system. Matt said that normally he would have agreed, but this needed to happen quickly. The recorder asks if HR is responsible for time and attendance and the auditor is responsible for payroll. Shane responds that the responsibility comes from the department heads. He said the employees need to do their part and the department heads also need to do their part. Employees need to clock in and out correctly. Shane said that everyone that wants a paycheck will use the new time and attendance system. The county cannot afford another issue so if you want your job, you will use it. LOW will conduct training with all the department heads. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Whitney Koelling with ARA, and Judge Bright is asking for the commissioner's approval of \$55,000 of grant match money. The grant program that JRAC has applied for is Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR). The objective of this grant is to benefit low-to-moderate-income residents housing. Shane made a motion to approve the request for \$55,000 match money. The match money will be funded from the original \$165,000 that the commissioners gave Judge Bright out of the Opioid Restricted Fund. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Alex explains that a tort claim has been filed, and the commissioners have a copy of it for review. There was damage to a tire due to a pothole in the road. Alex spoke with the highway department, and they were unaware of the pothole until after the incident occurred. It is Alex's understanding that the pothole has been filled. Alex's recommendation is to deny the tort claim. Charlie made a motion to deny the claim, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

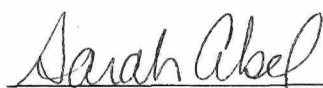
Alex submits a resolution to declare an emergency for the replacement of HVAC equipment for the Jennings County Courthouse. The current system is 25 to 30 years old. The parts can not be purchased in the United States. Maintenance to obtain at least two quotes for replacement of the HVAC system. This resolution will suspend Indiana purchasing laws. Shane made a motion to approve the resolution, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Shane wants this process to start ASAP.

Shane made a motion to approve prior meeting minutes; Charlie seconded the motion passed unanimously.

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

Shane made a motion to accept the Opioid Settlement Plan, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 am, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



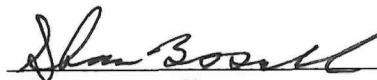
Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Charlie St. John



Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell