

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

August 7, 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.

Kelly Kent represents the Jennings County Community Foundation and has rented the community building for the foundations' annual Gala next October 24, 2026. The set up needs to start on Friday and then the event is scheduled for Saturday. Kelly is asking the commissioners to donate the first night and they will pay for the second night. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Human Resources presents several travel requests for approval. The first one is for Probation. Shana Richmond and Cory Walker will attend the POPAI Fall Conference in French Lick on 9/3/2025 – 9/5/2025. The travel expenses incurred will be paid out of Probation User Fees. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Nicci Lucas will be attending the AIC Conference at French Lick on 9/29/2025 – 10/2/2025. Any cost incurred will be paid out of the Human Resources budget. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Clerk Amy Thompson, Jennifer Heumann, and Brenda King will be attending the Southern Indiana Clerk's Conference in Edinburgh on September 8 and 9. The travel expenses will be paid out of dues and meetings in the Clerk's budget. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Stacey Lane with the Extension Office is also asking for approval. Stacy will be traveling to the Indiana State Fairgrounds to transport 4-H projects. Any expenses will be paid out of the extensions budget. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The recorder also submitted a travel request, but the request was tabled due to the totals not being completed.

HR has a request for unpaid leave of absence. We have an employee who is new to us. He's been here about 6 months. He doesn't have a whole lot of time built up and he is not eligible for family medical leave. He has some serious medical issues that he needs to address and so he is asking to take unpaid leave of absence but would like to come back to his position with us. The commissioners ask if the employee is going to be able to pay their insurance premiums while off? Shane said that he doesn't have a problem with it as long he knows about the insurance. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Next, there is a former employee who has been hired to come back and is asking for years of service to be reinstated. The employee worked full-time for us for six years and but has been gone for four years. Shane made a motion to deny, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. HR also gave the commissioners updated comp-time balances.

Maintenance shares a quote from Koorsen with the commissioners for sprinkler system work that needs to be completed at the jail. The quote is for \$2870.00 and needs to be completed according to

the fire marshal. The commissioners had approved a \$1500.00 limit for maintenance in case of emergencies without having prior approval from the commissioners. The commissioners are raising this limit to \$3000.00. Justin will need to come back to the meeting and keep the commissioners in the loop even though he has prior approval. Shane made a motion to approve the quote from Koorsen, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Maintenance also submitted two credit applications for the commissioners to approve. One is for Win-Supply, and the other is for South Central. Shane made a motion to approve the credit applications, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Brad Bender, Mayor of Vernon donates a speed limit sign to Jennings County. The commissioners thank Brad and mention possibly moving the sign around in the school zones. Brad also reminds every one of the car show in Vernon on August 9, 2025.

Shane made a motion to approve an engagement letter from Baker Tilly for the 2020 GO Bond, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Marie Shepherd submits a rezone request to the commissioners. The location is 1571 E Buckeye Street, North Vernon. The request is to rezone from Commercial to Commercial -Planned Business. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Marie submits quotes to get the tailgate repaired on the APC truck. The quote is from Brad Holley and is for \$1100.00. She has the money in her budget for the repairs, and no insurance claim will be filed. Shane made a motion to allow Marie to proceed, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Area Plan currently has a contract with IWORQ software. Storage needed to be increased on the current software contract, which increased the contract price by \$350.00. Marie has the money in the budget for the increase. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Rob Frist made the commissioners aware that the work completed on crossroad creek drive has been completed. The commissioners said that they would vote in the next meeting.

Crystal Danford came to the commissioners' seeking donations for the Commiskey Fall Festival. The fall festival runs from September 19-21, 2025, and has not received all the funding that is needed. Matt said that he would hate the Commiskey Fall Festival to come to an end and possibly could help with funding next year. Charlie said that if the community will not help support it, then taxpayers shouldn't be expected to. Matt said that he will see what he could do to get private donors.

Shane made a motion to waive the community building rental fee for the Alpha Omega Chapter for next year's event in April. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The highway department presents two unofficial detours to the commissioners for approval. The first one from the south would be CR 200W to HWY 250 in Jennings County. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The second unofficial detour for Hwy 3N was rejected by the commissioners. Sherri presented quotes for dump trucks to the commissioners. The trucks are \$190,000 each and will not come in until 2026, and that will allow

for new money in the budget. Shane made a motion to approved purchasing two new dump trucks. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to approve the Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Fund, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The commissioners tabled Private Road 170 discussion.

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

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

Shane made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 am, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah J. Abel
Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

Matt Sporleder
Matt Sporleder, President

Charlie St. John

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