

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

June 12, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Alex Zimmerman, Shane Boswell, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge Matt asked for a moment of silence for a friend's granddaughter that was born with two holes in her heart. She will be undergoing open heart surgery this morning.

Whitney Kelling, the manager of municipal programs for Administrative Resources Association, is here to discuss a grant opportunity. The five members of JRAC voted to approve working with the commissioners to apply for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (OOR). The Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program is a resident focused home repair program designed to assist low to moderate income families. Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs are allowing counties to apply for up to \$500,000 for a grant to administer this program. The local match requirement for counties is \$55,000.00. The application window is July 14, 2025, to August 15, 2025, and October 14, 2025, to November 14, 2025. JRAC would like to design the program specifically for people with substance use disorders. The City of North Vernon has a similar program, but the cities are not restricted to substance use disorder. Matt asks if the Opioid settlement money can be used for the match money if it wasn't specific to substance use. Alex said that he knows that substance use disorder is a big issue in Jennings County but with three or four other criteria, it could be opened to the community. Personally, Alex says that if the county enacted the program, he would encourage it to be opened to all eligible. The commissioners would prefer to follow all eligible criteria. Shane made a motion to allow Whitney to move forward, with the comments that had been made. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Whitney will send the commissioners a letter of support to sign.

The Auditor presented the commissioners with the Covered Bridge Certificate for signatures. Shane made a motion to sign, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

HR presents two travel requests. The first one is for the Clerk to attend the voter registration conference. The cost associated will be paid from the clerk's budget. Charlie made a motion to approve the request, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The second travel request is from APC, for the Inspector. The cost associated with this will be paid from the Area Plans budget. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Cody Low with the sheriff's department is asking the commissioners to approve the request of credit application for Dine Company. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Cody is also seeking approval for a grant. The grant will cover two different items. First, being radios. The current radios are coming to the end of the expected lifespan. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The other part of the grant is a School Safety Program. This program will allow an application to be installed that will allow the school to notify law enforcement without going through dispatch. Matt mentioned the possibility of adding bus drivers to this program. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.