

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

June 26, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Annex Building

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

Nicci presented an agreement from Safe Hiring Solutions to the commissioners. This company would allow for a more comprehensive background check on potential employees. Currently the county does a very limited criminal history search with the Indiana State Police. There is an account in the budget for background checks so there wouldn't be any additional appropriations needed. The cost for this is \$20.00 per background check; the county currently pays \$15.00 per background check. This is on a case-by-case basis and that is all the county will pay. The county attorney has reviewed the agreement and advised that the commissioners would need to vote on it in the meeting. Charlie made a motion to approve the agreement. Passed on 2-0 vote.

Nicci also presents an equipment donation agreement between St. Vincent Jennings Hospital and Jennings County Commissioners. St Vincent is wanting to donate four AEDs to the sheriff's department. These units are brand new and there is no cost associated. Charlie made a motion to approve the agreement, passed unanimously.

Matt wanted to make Charlie aware that if a commissioner decides to donate at any time, it is policy to bring it to a meeting so that the other commissioners are on board with the decision. Matt was contacted by the Vernon Fire Department and was asked to haul stone for them. Charlie motioned to approve the request, passed unanimously.

Steve Graham with the Wayside Inn is asking for \$10,000 in the 2026 budget. Charlie made a motion to approve the request, contingent on the council finding the money in the budget. Passed unanimously.

The treasurer is asking for the commissioner's approval to move forward to the council and request the items that were in her capital spending plan. Three laptops and a new copier is what the treasurer submitted in the capital request. Charlie motioned to allow the treasurer to move forward, passed unanimously.

The Health Department asked for the tattoo ordinance to be amended. Section five will be changed to patrons age, date, address, design of tattoos, location of tattoos, and the name of the tattoo artist. In section seven, the dates will change from June 1 and May 1 to January 1 and December 1. Also in section seven, subsection C that date will change from May to January 1. Charlie made a motion to approve the amendment, passed unanimously.

Charlie made a motion to reappoint Chrisy Wilhite to the library board, passed unanimously.

Alex presented the ordinance for JDAI for approval. Alex said that it is standard for the ordinances to reflect that the grant money does not have to be appropriated by the county council. Charlie motioned to approve the ordinance, passed unanimously.

The recorder wanted to thank Nicci Lucas and Justin Fox for their help. Also, the sheriff's department, EMS and the commissioners regarding the detours.

Matt would like to see a temporary traffic light at the fairgrounds and 500. Matt also asked Cody if the reserve officers could patrol the area to keep the truck traffic off the county road.

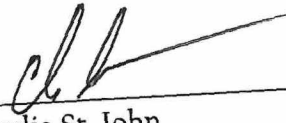
The clerk discusses the letter that went out to candidates. There is a deadline to submit this document back to the clerk's office. If the document is not received by the deadline, there will be a \$50.00 fine.

Charlie made a motion to approve prior meeting minutes, passed unanimously.
Charlie made a motion to sign the payroll and claims, passed unanimously.

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 9:48 am, passed unanimously.



Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Charlie St. John

Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell