

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

January 08, 2026, 6:00 pm

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, Alex Zimmerman, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business in 2026 is to elect a Commissioner President.

Shane made a motion to re-elect Matt Sporleder as President, Charlie seconded the motion.

Nicci, with HR, brings a travel request for Jerry Shepherd, EMA, to attend monthly IDHS/Emergency Management Coalition Meetings for 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026. District 9 EMA counties served are Jennings, Harrison, Floyd, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, Clark and Franklin. The meetings are during the day with no overnight travel. Meals are provided and if travel is needed, Jerry will utilize his EMA vehicle. There should be no fees. This is required for insurance so that he is covered and he does not need to come back to the Commissioners for approval. Shane made a motion to approve the blanket request for travel. Charlie seconded. Unanimous. A second Travel Request for Jerry Shepherd for INPAA Training on 1/29/2026. There are no fees expected. Shane made a motion to approve. Charlie seconded. Unanimous.

Nicci -Requested a signature for the insurance changes to the county deductible that was presented in December by Shepherd Insurance. Shane made the motion to approve, Charlie Second. Unanimous.

Randy Shepherd is requesting to attend a State Called meeting to the Winter Conference on 1/20/2026 for three days. Randy is also requesting his Deputy to attend. -Shane made a motion to approve. Charlie seconded. Unanimous.

Michelle, with Animal Control, came to discuss additions to the current building or to build a new facility. Currently the building does not have enough drainage and needs updated. The current building is not adequate to house the animals. We have 12 indoor runs, and we want to build bigger kennels for the animal's quality of life at the facility. Michelle explained that one benefactor has given \$25,000.00 to the Community Foundation. This money is designated to go towards construction of a new building. Michelle was instructed to revisit what is needed for the expansion and bring the information back to the Commissioners. Shane asked her not to bring what she wanted but what she needed to make the facility work.

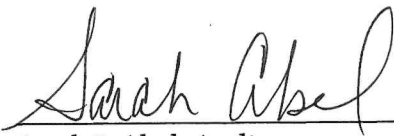
Matt asked when the construction is to begin at the Recycle Center. Shane said the bid was awarded and there is not a timeline in the contract. The concrete is to be completed over the winter, and the paving will be completed in the Spring.

Matt asked Alex if there were any updates from the State House. Alex did not have any State House updates at this time.

Approval of meeting minutes: Shane made a motion to approve payroll and claims. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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Shane made the motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



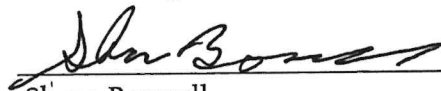
Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Charlie St. John



Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell