

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

January 22, 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.

The Auditor discusses with the commissioners how to handle the retirement of the penny. The treasury will cease to produce or mint additional pennies in early 2026. The Treasurer and Auditor have discussed rounding down instead of rounding up for any payments that are received. Matt agrees with rounding down instead of rounding up, but the question he has is how will the county balance? This is currently being investigated with other counties and the SBOA. The discussion will need to be held with the State Board of Accounts to see what they suggest. Shane made a motion to table the discussion, Charlie, seconded. Unanimous.

The sheriff tells the commissioners that he has cars that he wants to dispose of or trade in that are no longer in service. Kenny said that he is going to purchase a detective vehicle and wants to use the traded vehicles for this purpose. One of the old chargers has a rebuilt title that we want to give/donate to the town of Leavenworth because it has a canine cage in it. There are two 2013 Dodge Chargers that another department wants. They are going to give us \$2000.00 a piece for and that is probably more than we would get for trading them.

Kenny mentions that the Probation Department and the Prosecutors office may want to purchase one of the cars. There will be a total of nine cars that the Sheriff's Department will be trading/selling, and they are replacing four of those. Matt says that the money coming from the sale of any of the vehicles should stay within that department to replace cars. Resolutions will be drafted that the commissioners and the council will need to sign/approve.

Sherri, the county highway, presented an annual on-call assignment contract from USI. This contract is not to exceed \$20,000. Matt asked if the contract contained an hourly rate breakdown? Sherri verified that it did not contain an hourly rate. Matt suggested before signing any contract we need to have an hourly rate. Before we solicit any company, we need to have a set of guidelines as to how it needs to be worded. An hourly wage for an engineer versus whatever their technical terms are for anyone in their office. Matt suggested to table until information regarding an hourly rate breakdown is in the contact. Next, Sherri also brings a contract for the right of way for Bridge 29 (Iron Bridge). The contract price from USI is \$18,900.00. Matt requested that Shane made a motion to approve the contract, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Michael Grim, from Congressman Erin Houchins office, explains his role and position. Michael discusses infrastructure, bridge projects, federal funding opportunities and Community Project funds. If our office may support you in finding any Federal resources, we are here to help.

Nicci, HR has a travel request for the Clerks office to attend the Southern Indiana Clerk's conference. Three people from the office will be attending. This is a state called meeting and will be expensed out of fund 1000. Shane made a motion to approve and Charlie seconded, unanimous.

Buford Goodwin comes before the commissioners to ask about private roads and access. Goodwin is concerned about road repair. He is also concerned about signage because EMS would not be able to access or find the road because the road numbers have changed according to Mr. Goodwin. Matt explained the difference between the criteria regarding the guidelines for the county and state requirements for private roads. Matt suggested to Mr. Goodwin to get a list of the addresses and the properties and he will get it to Area planning to verify the addresses.

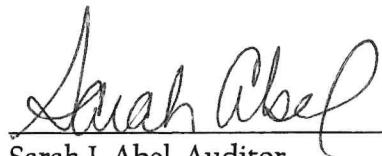
Matt asked if anyone had anything. Charlie said in light of what we just went through with the department of labor, I understand that there is still a problem with pay stubs? The pay stubs still do not have the categories of time that is paid out. Sarah said that is correct, I have been working with the department of labor and we are going to have a meeting to discuss the criteria. This is the first time that we have been given any guidelines that was hands on. I have also discussed with Low, who is also waiting to be on the call. Charlie asked if we will have the department heads to keep paper copies. Matt explained the reason that we got gigged last time was because our pay stubs did not have all of the information on the pay stub. Alex said it needs to delineate out vacation time, sick time or any other time that the employee is paid. Sarah explained that a meeting with the department of Labor and our payroll company will have a meeting next week to discuss our compliance. Shane said I thought we were going to be up and running by the first of the year. Sarah explained that we were in line and we had three other counties in front of us and in line. Our new payroll system, AOD wanted to make sure that we are in compliance. Matt asked how long this would take. Sarah explained that everything has been done on the back side. We are talking about weeks.

Matt said are we not live streaming right now? Sarah said we should be. Alex said that we are not and this is the second meeting in a row. Someone needs to contact the vendor. Matt asked if it is working properly. Sarah explains that everything that indicates that it is working is showing that it is live streaming. The lights are on and that is the indicator that we have that shows it's working. I understand from what you're saying it is not working. Marie has also had problems and I contacted the company last week to see if they are able to physically come back down to find the problem. I will text him again. Alex said I have been getting complaints and at this point all three bodies are not in compliance.

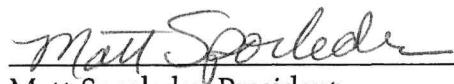
Shane made a motion for the approval of payroll and claims. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

Shane made the motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Charlie St. John



Shane Boswell

