

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING  
February 19, 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.

Andy Judd and Ellie Bright speak to the commissioners about a vacant probation officer position that they have available. Merri Eder is currently the JDAI Coordinator and would like to move into the Probation Officer position. Cathy Vawter currently is the Family Recovery Court Coordinator and the ARC consultant. Cathy would like to add JDAI to her workload. Shane made a motion to table until the next meeting, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Kenny came to the meeting to discuss the selling and trading of older police cars. Alex created two resolutions that need to be approved by the commissioners. The town of Leavenworth is getting one as a donation and there are two that are being sold to Milltown. Shane made a motion to approve the resolutions, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci brings a request from Peggy with the Health Department. The request is to use the courthouse lawn on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Health Department, along with Perceptions Yoga, will host an event for the public. There will be games and walking tours of the new trails. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. A travel request is presented for Shana Richmond to attend the National Mental Health Justice Summit. Any fees will be paid from Probation User Fees. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Maintenance updates the commissioners on the new heating and cooling system at the courthouse. Dunlap's have one of the new boilers in as a temporary fix. Dunlap's noticed a problem with the domestic water line. It is starting to leak in places and needs to be replaced before the new heating and cooling unit gets installed. The quote is \$11,800.00 and covers removal of all the old four inch galvanized pipe and installing approximately 125' of new pipe. Shane made a motion to approve the quote and to pay it out of the bond, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The Auditor has been talking to a company about digitizing transfer and plat books. There are approximately 400 books that the company will pick up and return to the county once they are completed. Shane thinks it is a great idea, but he would like to have the books back for people that do not use computers. The funding is available for this from the transfer fund. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Matt discusses the fact that there hasn't been any work started on the rabbit and poultry barn. The military will be coming in on April 23, and the fair will be starting in June. Charlie will reach out to Jenny and check on the progress of the barn.

Alex speaks about the VOCA grant for the prosecutor. The Victims Advocate Grant pays a portion of the salary for the victims' advocate. The remainder of the salary is paid out of pretrial diversion. The grant runs from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2028. The prosecutor has used this grant for 15 years and is asking for approval to renew the grant. Shane made a motion to approve if the prosecutor is paying the fees. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There will be a special meeting on February the 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The purpose of the meeting will be to review bids submitted in accordance with the request for proposals for the Community Crossings Matching Grant.

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 sign the document for USI for the ADA Transition Plan, The Title VI Implementation Plan, as well as other items. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Matt was contacted about Bridge 44. The county will need an additional \$2 million. It was suggested to remove it from this round and reapply in November.

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

  
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 Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

  
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 Matt Sporleder, President

  
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