

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

June 25, 2026 @ 9:00AM

ANNEX BUILDING

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, Alex Zimmerman, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The rezone for Richard Roney and Suzannah Martin was tabled in the last meeting and Suzannah and Richard are here to speak and answer any questions that may need to be answered. Suzannah Martin lives at 8435 N Co Rd 380 W. Her and Richard Roney are asking for the rezone of 3.4 acres from residential to agricultural. The total property is 17.4 acres, but the other 14 acres are already zoned as agricultural. Suzannah said that they want to be compliant and respect the neighbors. She states that having the animals on the property allows her children to learn responsibility. Richard states that he never meant to cause problems with the neighbors.

Craig and Kayla Matern are disputing the rezoning attempt. Craig said that the facts are the property in question is not compliant because it is zoned as residential. He doesn't think that Roney and Martin should be rewarded for not being compliant.

Matt describes this as a "poop sandwich"! Matt is very passionate about farming but says there needs to be the right time and place. Charlie has respect for what they are trying to do but also says that it needs to be in the right place. Charlie made a motion to deny the rezone, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The Matern's spoke up about their initial complaint and the commissioners said that Marie with Area Plan would handle that.

Nicci Lucas submits a travel request for the Area Plan inspector to attend conference on July 16th. Any cost will be paid from Area Plan's budget. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Britt, Director at 911 speaks on the failure of the tornado siren. There was an electrical failure which damaged three battery backups. He is currently performing testing on Mondays. Two weeks prior to the tornado, the siren worked. Britt explains that there are no experts that say to completely rely on the tornado sirens. Madison also had failures in their system. This failure was no fault for anyone; it was a system failure. You can sign up to receive phone calls and text messages for inclement weather. Facebook has a link for weather alerts on all cell phones.

Austin Everman comes back with quotes for new transport vehicles, and trade in amounts per the commissioners request. The trade in amount for the 2018 Ram is \$2000.00 and the 2015 Ram is \$1500.00. The quotes received are from Russ Hubler.

A 2027 Pacifica for \$39861.00, A 2025 Pacifica for \$34823.50, and a 2027 Durango Pursuit for \$38979.00. New transport vehicles were not included in the 2024 Go Bond. The commissioners say that one can be purchased from the bond, but it will be up to the council to find funding for the second vehicle. Shane motion to approve the purchase of the 2027 Pacifica and the 2027 Durango, contingent on council finding the funding. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Gary Smith sent a letter asking the commissioners to be reimbursed for a desk and credenza or for the commissioners to allow him to keep his office chair. Shane made a motion to trade the desk for his office chair. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to approve the speed limit ordinance of 40 mph for 800N, 200E and Base Rd. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to sign the unofficial detour for State Road 3, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

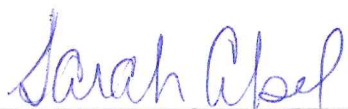
Shane made a motion to appoint Roger Robinette to replace Mark Smith on the Animal Control board. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to accept the Dunalp contract at \$882.00 a month for maintenance on the broiler at the jail. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The cost did not increase from 2026.

Cody asked the commissioners to have restroom access at the fairgrounds for their National Night Out on August 4, 2026. Matt said that he would make sure that the restrooms were unlocked for this event.

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

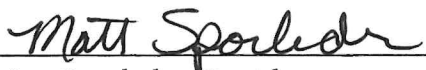
Shane made a motion to adjourn at 10:12am, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Charlie St. John



Matt Sporleder, President

Shane Boswell

Board of Commissioners of Jennings County
Executive Session
June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Government Annex / Commissioner's Room

Commissioners Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, and Charlie St. John were present.

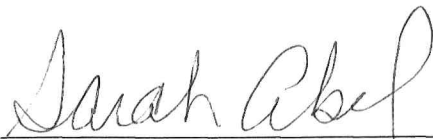
Matt Sporleder called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

The following discussion was held:

1. Strategy with respect to litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B).
2. With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction, to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct, and to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6).
3. For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).
4. To discuss a job performance evaluation, employee specific compensation, or employment matters of individual employees, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).
5. To discuss employee handbook changes, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(16)(B).
6. To have communications with an attorney that are subject to the attorney client privilege, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19).

No subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in public notice.

Upon motion made and seconded, and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



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