

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

July 23, 2026 @ 9:00AM

ANNEX BUILDING

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

Marie is asking for a rezone request from Commercial to Agricultural for 9915 W Co Rd 1100 N in Crothersville. Rebecca Sawyer is in attendance should the commissioners have any questions. Rebecca has been approved for special use through the Board of Zoning. Shane made a motion to approve the rezone, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Justin introduced boy scout Christopher Kelly of Troop 541. Christopher is asking for the commissioner's approval to relay the bricks around the courthouse. Christopher explains that the uneven bricks create a falling hazard. Christopher measured the areas and provided those measurements to the commissioners. He also discusses the materials needed and how he would obtain them. The sand that is needed will cost approximately \$5,500.00 and the pressure washer runs \$50.00 per day. The bricks are currently running \$.80 per brick. Christopher explains that he has multiple ways of raising money and he himself also has some money saved up. He is also thinking of reaching out to Lowes. Christopher says that Lowes has helped with projects in the past. He also is in contact with Shaw monuments and can possibly receive help there as well. Matt said that the only way that he will approve this is if Christopher doesn't spend any of his personal money on this project. Matt told Christopher that he is an outstanding individual!! Shane made a motion to allow Christopher to proceed with the project, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The commissioners have told Justin to come back with a list of items needed at the next meeting.

Sheila presents a contract from American Structure Point. This contract is for Bridge 65. Alex has reviewed the contract. Shane made a motion to sign the contract, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The recorder presented a contract in the last meeting for Equity Protect. Mary explains that there is one small change to the contract. The annual fee for the customer covers two parcels. Mary explains that there is no money needed and that she can pay the fees from her Perpetuation fund. The Perpetuation fund is funded from fees obtained in the recorder's office. Mary also pays for her part-time staff from the Perpetuation fund. Shane made a motion to approve the contract, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt mentioned that parcel consolidation may increase due to saving money on this program. If parcels are

consolidated, you will have only one parcel number. Shane made a motion to allow the recorder to execute the contract. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to approve prior minutes, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Shane withdrew his motion and abstained from voting.
Charlie made a motion to approve prior minutes, Matt seconded the motion, motion passed.

Alex says that there was a statement put out by Miss Eder into the Plain Dealer concerning fraud that was perpetrated in the county. The county will receive \$378,000.00, which is 76% of the fraudulent payment. The insurance carrier will determine if there was a qualifying loss for the remaining amount. The investigation will continue. The county will have no further comment on this matter.

The total cost for the two 53' van bodies of tires that were collected was \$9000.00. The cost to the county for 70 tons of debris that was removed was \$4,814.50. Matt is considering running the free trash event two times per year. Marie suggested contacting the city and seeing if they would be willing to team up with the county for another event.

Shane made a motion to approve payroll and claims, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously

Shane made a motion to adjourn at 9:36am, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Charlie St. John

Shane Boswell