

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

August 20, 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.

Brad Bender, Mayor of Vernon, is asking for assistance in public infrastructure funding for future projects. The commissioners ask Brad to attend a TIF meeting to see if they would be able to fund the projects. Shane made a motion to table the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

HR submitted two travel requests. The first is for Marie Shepherd to travel to Scott County to talk with the Area Plan office. She will drive the office vehicle and there will be no extra expenses. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The second request is from Jerry Shepherd to attend EMA annual training in Indianapolis. There are no extra expenses, and he will drive the EMA vehicle. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sandy Vance, President of the Senior Resource Center, speaks about some changes at the center. The name has recently been changed from The Senior Resource Center to The Center. The Center is for everyone, and Sandy hopes that new/younger people will come in and will be able to sustain The Center. She thinks there are a lot of stigmas with the word senior in the title. Sandy has served The Center off and on since 1998. Free lunches are served to everyone! The Center has received items from Morgan's in Austin, and ham from Mariahs. The United Way granted \$1500.00 for ground beef. After November 1, 2026, work will begin on the outside of the building. Sandy is requesting to be included in the budget for 2027.

Michelle with Animal Control is asking for some of their approved bond money to be released for a new riding lawnmower and a new building. D&J has a mower for \$5000.00 that she would like to purchase. The building is 12' x 24' and the cost is \$8500.00. Animal Control was approved in the bond for \$10,000 for a building and \$13,000 for a riding lawnmower. The current shed is falling apart, and maintenance is going to tear it down, so Michelle is asking if she can have the building. Alex said that the shed was not purchased by the county but it is county owned property. Matt is asking for a motion to table the old shed, so they have a chance to review the process. Shane made a motion to approve the purchase of the mower and the building. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Tracy with EMS has an old box from an ambulance that insurance wants them to dispose of. The box will also go out for bids along with the shed. Tracy introduces Kristie Gilphin as the new Chief Medic.

Shane made a motion to sign a document for OOR (owner occupied rehab) stating that the properties in question are not historical properties. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Matt says that he has had complaints about the number of cats at the Recycling Center. At least 24 cats have been counted and some of them look very sick. Matt would like a few cats to remain to keep the mice population down but recommends them be spayed/neutered.

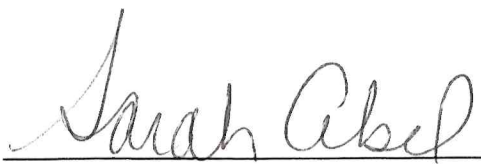
Randy Shepherd has a Dodge Durango to add to the bid list that Alex will be working on.

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.

Matt said that Southern Indiana Recycling has funds to cover free trash removal, like the one held earlier in the year by Jennings County.

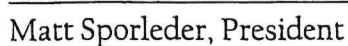
Shane made a motion to adjourn at 9:44am, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Charlie St. John



Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell