JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

October 22, 2026 @ 9:00AM

ANNEX BUILDING

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

Alden Rudicel brings three quotes for a new cot for the funeral home. Two of the quotes are for the same brand of cot with a few different features. "One has a higher weight capacity and the wheels are bigger", Alden says. Shane made a motion to pay $5163.95 out of the bond. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Human Resources presents a travel request for the Clerk's office to attend a conference in December. This is a state-called meeting therefore it will be paid for out of the general fund. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The next travel request is for Judge Bright, Andy, Jim, Jason, Karne, and Amanda to attend a Youth Justice Conference. Travel expenses to be paid out of the JDAI services fund. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Morgans Lawncare and Morins Lawncare have provided quotes to repair and/or replace the courthouse lawn. Morins quote for repairing the lawn is $1750.00. To replace the damaged topsoil and replace it with sod is $4,425.00. Morgans quote for repair is $2,813.15, and the quote to replace is $6,250.00. Shane made a motion to approve the quote from Morins in the amount of $4,425.00. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Alex Helms with Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center (SEPEC) discusses the process in transferring property to the Butlerville Cemetery. This was approved by the commissioners in 2024-2025. Purdue cannot transfer directly to the cemetery. Purdue will transfer the property to the commissioners and then the commissioners will transfer it to the Butlerville Cemetery. Alex Helm will send the survey to Alex Zimmerman. Shane made a motion to accept the land, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nathan Smith with Eagle Point recommends that the county increase the hours from 90 to 110 per week. Nathan explains that cyber security has become overwhelming and another system administrator had to be hired. The additional hours will be an increase annually of $55,120.00. Matt tells Nathan to prepare the contract and to send it to Alex for review. Nathan will come back to the November 20th meeting.

Marie submits the agreement for iWorQ to the commissioners. Alex has reviewed the agreement and has approved of it. Shane made a motion to approve the agreement, Charlie, seconds the motion passed unanimously.

Jerry is requesting funding for upgrades to the Emergency Operations Center Equipment and updates to UAV program. Jerry found a grant for EOC and has applied for it. Currently $19,000 is needed for the updates to UAV. Shane made a motion to approve $19,000 out of the bond. Charlie, seconds the motion, passed unanimously.

Hayden Water does not have money to relocate their water line on Brownstown Road. Charlie said the amount to move it is around $95,000. Charlie went to council and they agreed to it. The county can get some of the costs reimbursed by INDOT. Hayden Water has agreed to consent to the county paying for the work to be done. Shane made a motion to sign the agreement, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to formally approve entering the settlement agreement as discussed in an executive session. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Justin submits two quotes for the chemicals needed for the new system at the courthouse. The quote from Adams is $5,336.00, and the quote from Ch2O $7060.20. The commissioners are asking Justin to ask for the annual service agreement from both companies and bring them back to the meeting.

Justin also submits two quotes for a gate and fencing at the Recycling Center. The first quote is from Made-Rite Fence. Made-Rite priced three different options. A base proposal for $8,975.00 to remove existing fence and install new fencing. This includes a 20' wide cantilever gate.
Option #1 is to repair fencing and add the 20' gate - $5750.00
Option #2 Install one 20' gate only - $4900.00
Sondgeroth Fencing provided the same three options.
The base proposal - $10,532.50
Option #1 - $7620.00
Option #2 - $5400.00
Shane made a motion to approve the base quote from Made-Rite in the amount od $8,975.00. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The funding will be paid from the Recycle Center fund.

Shane made a motion to table the 2027 holiday schedule. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Shane made a motion to table the 2027 commissioner meeting schedule, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to sign the annual WTH agreement. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Shane made a motion to sign draw #4 for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) program. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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 9:48am. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

Charlie St. John

Matt Sporleder, President

Shane Boswell