JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

October 1, 2026 @ 9:00AM

ANNEX BUILDING

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

Judge Bright informs the commissioners that Merri Eder is resigning, and that will leave an open position in the Probation office. Judge Bright is asking to post the position internally and if nothing comes from that, the position will be posted externally. Merri currently is a Juvenile Probation Officer and runs the JDAI program. There will be no other changes. Charlie made a motion to approve the request, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bill Elmore thanks the commissioners for supporting ARC year after year. Bill says that ARC educates parents and other individuals to help find resources that are needed. Bill worked with Jackson County on a project called Lifesaver. This allows the sheriff's department to locate a missing person. It is great in the fact that some people are nonverbal and cannot ask for help if lost.

Charlie made a motion to approve the draw for payment for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation program. Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The Auditor has $7000.00 in the bond and is asking the commissioners to release $5360.00 for two new laptops for her office. Charlie made a motion to approve the request, Shane seconded the request, passed unanimously.

The Auditor submitted a travel request to attend the SBOA annual meeting. Charlie made a motion to approve the request, Shane seconded the request, passed unanimously.

Justin Fox presents a maintenance contract from Dunlap for the new boilers and the cooling tower. Charlie made a motion to approve, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The Recorder is requesting to fill her part-time position. The first deputy resigned and the part-time person is moving into that position. Charlie made a motion to approve Mary's request. Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

William Stark is the current owner of Lot 92 in Scipio. Mr. Stark has lived there for three years. Mr. Stark is requesting that the right ways for Harrison Street and Henry's Alley be vacated. A discrepancy between the county's public records and a recent survey has created a severe

boundary issue for his property. Alex tells Mr. Stark that he appreciates his presentation and that Area Plan and the surveyor have been in contact with him. Alex explains to Mr. Stark that there is a procedure in law that must be followed. The procedure requires a written petition to the board. Alex explains that IC36-7-3-12 is the code that he will need to follow. Mr. Stark tells the commissioners that he may have come on to strong and didn't realize how simple the process is going to be.

Charlie made a motion to approve prior minutes, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 9:41am, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

Charlie St. John

Matt Sporleder, President

Shane Boswell