
**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Terry Miller, County Council; Ilene Haluska, Indiana Plain Dealer; Don Freiburger; Alan Bowers; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Sandie Graf; Mike Thompson; John Michaels; Keith Eller, County Council; Treasurer Brenda Hamilton; Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of HCUED; Kevin Smith; Michelle Bunker, IMG Insurance; Alicia Symons, Chief Sanitarian; Surveyor Jerry Mehan

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Tom Wall was absent.

Commissioner Miller called the May 19, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

5/5/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 5, 2025, meeting. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

5/21/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for May 21, 2025. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

5/16/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for May 16, 2025. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Credit Card Limit Increase

Erin Wiley, Assistant Chief Probation Officer / Drug Court Coordinator, requested a temporary increase to the credit limit on her county-issued card. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve a temporary increase to \$10,000 to Erin's card. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Highway Award

The Huntington County received an Innovator Award from Vialytics for using the platform more than anyone in the United States. Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent gave recognition to Dave Hacker, Aleisha Wall, Keith Tobin, Dylan Wynkoop, and the crew foreman for using the system the most.

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION)

Mandy Reber – Boys & Girls Club of Huntington

The Commissioners recognized Mandy Reber for her dedicated service to the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington for 19 years. Mandy Reber stepped down from this role on December 31, 2024.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Letter to INDOT

The Commissioners wrote a letter of concern to INDOT regarding a blockage along the Salamonie river. This poses a potential concern for kayakers, canoeists, and other recreational purposes.

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IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Postal Meter Agreement Discussion

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Postal Meter Agreement with Quadient presented by Huntington County Treasurer Brenda Hamilton. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

PHD – Completed project

Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County United Economic Development (HCUED), gave an update that PHD has completed their project. There will be a ribbon cutting on June 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

BZA – Board Appointment

Terry Stoffel made a motion to appoint Mike Thompson to the BZA Board. Rob Miller second, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

Transfer Tax Properties

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the Transfer Tax Properties: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Terry Miller, County Council; Ilene Haluska, Indiana Plain Dealer; Don Freiburger; Alan Bowers; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Sandie Graf; Mike Thompson; John Michaels; Keith Eller, County Council; Treasurer Brenda Hamilton; Kevin Smith; Michelle Bunker; Alicia Symons, Chief Sanitarian; Jerry Mehan, Surveyor; Greg Parker

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:30 a.m.

The County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger presented 4 tax sale certificates to be transferred to Habitat for Humanity. The Tax Sale Certificate Numbers are as follows 352400024, 352400029, 352400037 & 352400038.

There was no Public Comment

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:32 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION)

2025-10

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10, a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Huntington County for the Transfer of Tax Sale Certificates to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne Inc. Pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-24-17.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

4565 & 4539 E. Station Rd. Roanoke

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the Hearing for the property's located at 4565 & 4539 E. Station Road Roanoke: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Jesse Perex, property owner; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Terry Miller, County Council; Ilene Haluska, Indiana Plain Dealer; Don Freiburger; Alan Bowers; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Sandie Graf; Mike Thompson; John Michaels; Keith Eller, County Council; Treasurer Brenda Hamilton; Kevin Smith; Michelle Bunker; Alicia Symons, Chief Sanitarian; Jerry Meehan, Surveyor; Greg Parker

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:33 a.m.

Jesse Perez, the owner of the properties located at 4565 & 4539 East Station Road in Roanoke, Indiana provided an update regarding the watershed and septic concerns. Kim Hostetler, DCD Director, reported that she had conducted an inspection of the properties. She noted that the interior conditions were not hazardous and were in compliance with the original complaint. Jesse Perez requested assistance from the commissioners in addressing the septic issues and asked that the health department

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conduct an inspection. Commissioner Miller clarified that the purpose of the meeting was to address the original complaint. County Attorney Andrew Boxberger added that Jesse Perez should remain in contact with the Department of Community

Development (DCD) and await a response from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding any possible action on the pond expansion.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:44 a.m.

Terry Stoffel made a motion to release the complaint order on 4565 & 4539 E. Station Rd. Roanoke Properties. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Salamonie Project

Kevin Smith came in to ask the commissioners to write a letter of support to turn the Salamonie State Forest into a State Park. He would also like an easement on S 600 W in Mt Etna for more parking availability for Rustic River Outfitters.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Memorial Day Flags for Veterans

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the \$1,000 reimbursement for the Veterans' flags. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

IMG Quarterly Health Plan Update

Michelle Bunker, IMG Senior Vice President and Agency Partner, provided a quarterly update for the County's health insurance plan.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Grant Update

Aliza Tourkow gave the commissioners an update on the Grants that she has currently been working on for the County.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

These Minutes were approved on Monday, June 2, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street. Huntington, Indiana