

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; Andy Boxberger, Carson LLP; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Keith Eller, County Council; Terry Miller, County Council; Don Freiburger; Alan Bowers; Marilyn Bradford; Gail Garde; Darwin Garde; Mark Brown; Hank Miller; Donna Waters; Gary Waters; Rick Fusselman; Jeff Falk; Jodi Falk; Debra Branstator; Alyssa Alaimo; Jodie Geiger; Mike Thompson; John Michaels; Calvin Leonard; Vickie Leonard; Jessica Huscher, Executive Director Council on Aging; Lisa Harbuck, HAT Transportation Manager; Cheryl Jarrett, Soil and Water Conservation; Barb Rupley, Historical Society; Sonya Foraker, Parkview Huntington Hospital; Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer; Tim Allen, Dispatch Director; Katy Hudson, Humane Society; Jenna Strick, Humane Society; Tanner Babb, Board of Director for Bowen Center; Jay Baumgartner CFO Bowen Center; Shannon Hannon COO Bowen Center; Katie Shomo Director of Community Engagement Huntington IN, Bowen Center; Kris Dohrman, Practice Administrator, Huntington IN, Bowen Center; Lori Augustus, Executive Director SE Indiana, Bowen Center; Rob Ryan CEO Bowen Center; Chris Kauffman, Pathfinder Services; Michelle Crone, Youth Services Bureau

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called the June 2, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

5/19/2025

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 19, 2025, meeting. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

6/4/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for June 4, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

5/30/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for May 30, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2025-08

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-08: An Ordinance for the adoption of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Huntington County, to Repeal and Replace Chapter 2. Exhibit B. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Pathfinder 2025 Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the 2025 Pathfinder Agreement. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INVOICE)

Cumulative Courthouse Funds

Terry Stoffel made a motion to pay the Sunderman Enterprises invoice #052825-1 in the amount of \$5,775.00 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Fuel Supply Agreement – City of Huntington

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the 2025 Fuel Supply Agreement for the City of Huntington. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Fuel Supply Agreement – Huntington Council on Aging

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the 2025 Fuel Supply Agreement for Huntington Council on Aging. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Fuel System

Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent, provided the commissioners with an update on the new fueling system at the highway department. The system is now fully operational, all issues have been resolved, and it is officially in use as of June 2, 2025. The temporary tanks currently at the site will be removed once they are emptied.

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS)

Community Crossings Matching Grant

The Commissioners received and opened three sealed bids for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds. The first bid was submitted by Brooks Construction in the amount of \$1,760,606.00. The second bid came from E&B Paving at \$1,684,662.00, and the third was from DZ Construction, totaling \$2,727,756.78. Terry Stoffel made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Tom Wall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

7386 W 200 N

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Duke Energy in the location of CR West 200 North between CR S Leedy Ln and CR 700 West. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2025 Budget Review

The following entities presented their 2025 budget requests to the Commissioners for their review:

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| • Huntington County Emergency Management Agency | Thomas Fuller, Deputy Director |
| • IT Department | Joakim Abrahamsson, Director |

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

8121 N 894 W Bippus

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the property located at 8121 N 894 W, Bippus: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; Andy Boxberger, Carson LLP; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Keith Eller, County Council; Terry Miller, County Council; Don Freiburger; Alan Bowers; Marilyn Bradford; Gail Garde; Darwin Garde; Mark Brown; Hank Miller; Donna Waters; Gary Waters; Rick Fusselman; Jeff Falk; Jodi Falk; Debra Branstator; Alyssa Alaimo; Jodie Geiger; Mike Thompson; John Michaels; Calvin Leonard; Vickie Leonard

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:02 a.m.

Calvin Leonard and Vickie Leonard spoke about the updates that they have been making on the property. The Commissioners asked about the structural engineering report that was requested at the previous meeting, which was not provided by Calvin and Vickie.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:18 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion to issue a Stop Work order requiring all work on the property to cease immediately. Work may not resume until a report is submitted by a Structural Engineer and an inspection is conducted by Building Inspector Greg Ricker. The Structural Engineer's report must specifically assess whether the structure is repairable given its current condition. Additionally, the report must include the engineer's professional evaluation and recommendations for any necessary future repairs or work to be performed on the structure. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed with a 2-0 vote. Terry Stoffel voted no.

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Roanoke Marketing Request

Alyssa Alaimo and Jodi Geiger from the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and Discover Roanoke spoke with the Commissioners about continued financial assistance for their marketing program in Roanoke. A request was made for \$30,000.00 to continue this endeavor. They provided examples of the print and digital advertising that has been created and has been very successful in driving tourism in Roanoke. The Commissioners stated that they are very happy with their work. Tom Wall made a motion to approve the request to be paid from CEDIT – Project 4 in the amount of \$30,000.00. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners adjourned regular session and entered Executive Session at 10:35 p.m.

The Commissioners took a break for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at PHD from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners resumed regular session at 1:07 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2025 Budget Review

The following entities presented their 2025 budget requests to the Commissioners for their review:

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| • Huntington County Historical Society | Barb Rupley |
| • Huntington County Soil and Water Conservation | Cheryl Jarrett |
| • Huntington County Veterans Office | Tim Eckert, Director |
| • O'Donnell Center & Courthouse Facilities | Phil Hibbert, Facilities Director |
| • Huntington County Highway Department | Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent |
| • Parkview EMS | Sonya Foraker |

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

County Road Inventory

Terry Stoffel made a motion to extended 75 E in Warren to connect with 700 S to allow for development and add this road to the County Highway Road Inventory. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed with a 2-0 vote. Tom Wall abstained.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2025 Budget Review

The following entities presented their 2025 budget requests to the Commissioners for their review:

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| • Huntington County Public Safety Dispatch | Tim Allen, Director |
| • Huntington County Humane Society | Katy Hudson and Jenna Strick |
| • Bowen Health | Shannon Hannon and Lori Augustus |
| • Youth Services Bureau | Michelle Crone, Executive Director |
| • Huntington County Council on Aging | Jessica Huscher, Executive Director |
| • Pathfinder Services | Chris Kauffman, Acting CEO |

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Design Capture System

Tom Wall made a motion to hire Lochmueller to design a capture system for grease, oils, and spills at the Huntington County Highway Garage. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

Clerk of the Circuit Court Report

Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager, presented the Clerk of the Circuit Court Report for the month ending April 30, 2025, as prepared by Shelley Septer, Clerk of Huntington Circuit/Superior Courts.

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IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

These Minutes were approved on Monday, June 16, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street. Huntington, Indiana