
**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Bridgett Burkhardt, Highway Superintendent; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; Kathryn Garrett, Carson LLP; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; County Council; Terry Miller, County Council; Don Freiburger; Alan Bowers; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Jessica Huscher, Executive Director Council on Aging; Kevin Smith; Courtney Bonbrake; Erik Long, Elevate Huntington; Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of HCUED; Becky Souder; Lucas Juillerat; Christina Knecht; Megan Reckelhoff; Andrew Rensberger; Sarah Kemp; Matt Ditzler; Jenna Wilkinson; Mike Burchardt; Sharon Metzger

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called the June 16, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

6/2/2025

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 2, 2025, meeting. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

6/18/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for June 18, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

6/13/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for June 13, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS)

CCMG 2025-1

Tom Wall made a motion to award the CCMG 2025-1 Contractor Bid Award to E&B Paving LLC. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

3966 E 800 S

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for US Signal in the location of North ROW near address 3966 E 800 S. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

6982 W Bracken Rd

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Hali Thurman in the location of CR W Bracken Rd between CR N 700 West and CR W 900 North. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Andrews-Dallas Township Public Library

Tom Wall made a motion to re-appoint Karla Saalfrank-Manes to the Andrews-Dallas Township Public Library. Terry Stoffel second, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INVOICES)

Cumulative Courthouse Funds

Terry Stoffel made a motion to pay the New Era Technology invoice in the amount of \$1,430.00 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Tom Wall seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATE)

2025 Covered Bridge Certification

Tom Wall made a motion to sign the 2025 Covered Bridge Certification stating that Huntington County does not have any covered bridges per IC code 8-14-1-10. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS)

WRHCF Grant Project for O'Donnell Center

The Commissioners received and opened four sealed bids for the WRHCF Grant Project at the O'Donnell Center. The first bid, totaling \$97,420.00 for masonry work, was submitted by Slatile Roofing and Sheet Metal. The second bid, also for masonry, came from The Hagerman Group in the amount of \$46,115.00. The third bid, submitted by O'Neil Glass, was for window work and totaled \$42,300.00. The fourth bid for windows was also from Slatile Roofing and Sheet Metal in the amount of \$45,538.00. 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 DISCUSSION)

Skatepark Fundraising

Lucas Juillerat and Christina Knecht presented their skatepark fundraising initiative, W.H.E.E.L.S. (Working in Huntington to Elevate & Energize Local Skaters), to the Commissioners. Lucas has a personal connection to the project, having been an avid skater for many years. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 from people within the community. During the presentation, Commissioner Stoffel inquired about plans for security measures, including the installation of cameras and how they intend to prevent vandalism or illegal activity at the park. While there are currently no plans for installing security cameras, Commissioner Stoffel recommended that they consider budgeting for them.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Certifications and Assurances

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington Main Street

Sharon Metzger, representing Huntington Main Street, approached the Commissioners to request funding for downtown Huntington development. The organization is seeking \$30,000 in support. The Commissioners responded by stating they would review the budget to determine if any funds could be allocated for this purpose.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Sprout by 5

Courtney Bonbrake, representing Sprout by 5, addressed the Commissioners to request funding to support efforts in expanding childcare options in Huntington County. The organization requested \$25,000 annually over the next three years, totaling \$75,000. Tom Wall made a motion to allocate a total of \$75,000 from CEDIT Project 4 funds over the years 2026, 2027, and 2028 to support Sprout by 5. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

6213 S 594 W

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the property located at 6213 S 594 W, Warren IN: 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; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; Kathryn Garrett, Carson LLP; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; County Council; Terry Miller, County Council; Don Freiburger; Alan Bowers; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:08 a.m.

Kim Hostetler, DCD Director and Greg Ricker, Building Inspector stated that the yard has been mowed, and the roof appears to be in good condition. The tarp that had previously covered the house has since been removed.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:11 a.m.

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Tom Wall made a motion to release the order on the property at 6213 S 594 W, Warren IN. Terry Stoffel second, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Salamonie State Forest

Kevin Smith addressed the Commissioners to clarify misinformation circulating on social media regarding the proposal to change Salamonie from a state forest to a state park. He explained that the only area affected by the proposed change is the portion of the Salamonie Forest located in Wabash County. In response, the Commissioners noted that John Seifert, Director of Forestry with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), would be present on June 30th to explain how the proposed changes could impact hunting, fishing, trails, horseback riding, and other recreational activities.

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 May 31, 2025, as prepared by Shelley Septer, Clerk of Huntington Circuit/Superior Courts.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager, presented the County Treasurer's report for the month ending April 30, 2025, as prepared by Brenda Hamilton, County Treasurer.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

These Minutes were approved on Monday, June 30, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street. Huntington, Indiana