
**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; Terry Miller, County Council; Don Freiburger; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Kevin Smith; Erin Wiley, Drug Court Coordinator/ Probation Officer; Leslie Rentschler, Community Corrections Director; John Seifort

The following people attended virtually using Zoom: Andy Boxberger, Carson LLP
The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called the June 30, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

6/16/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 16, 2025, meeting. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

7/2/2025

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for July 2, 2025. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

6/27/2025

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for June 27, 2025. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2026 Justice SIM Grant Application

Leslie Rentschler, Executive Director of Community Corrections, presented the 2026 Justice SIM Grant Application in the amount of \$476,594.49 for approval. She noted that adjustments would be necessary due to receiving less funding than requested from the FY26 IDOC. Tom Wall made a motion to approve the grant application, contingent upon final updates being submitted to Commissioner Miller. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5633 N Mayne Rd

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5633 N Mayne Rd. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5130 E 900 N

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5130 E 900 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5529 E Station Rd

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5529 E Station Rd. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

1100 N & St Rd 114

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Heartland REMC in the location of CR 200 W between CR 1100 N and St Rd 114. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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5317 Novae Pkwy

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5317 Novae Pkwy. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

450 S & St Rd 124

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Citizens in the location of CR 100 W between CR 450 S and St Rd 124. Tom Wall seconded, 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 A. Hattersley & Sons invoice in the amount of \$4,946.56 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Tom Wall seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Lochmueller Agreement/Design Capture System

Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman, presented the Commissioners with a Lochmueller agreement requiring a signature. This agreement was approved during the June 2, 2025, Commissioner Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2025-12

Tom Wall made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-12: An Ordinance providing guidelines regarding food establishments and/or bed and breakfast establishments. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

Reclassification of Zoning from A to GB

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the property located at 4147 E. 900 N, Huntington Indiana: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; Terry Miller, County Council; Don Freiburger; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Tom Clounie

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

Tom Clounie appeared before the Plan Commission on June 11th, where the Commission recommended approving the rezoning of the property from A (Agricultural) to GB (General Business). The recommendation passed unanimously with an 8-0 vote. The Commissioners held a discussion regarding property in the area that had been placed in a TIF district, including the potential sale of a portion of the right-of-way (ROW). County Attorney Andy Boxberger is currently reviewing the matter. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:37 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2025-09

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-09: An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of Huntington County A (Agricultural) to GB (General Business). Tom Wall seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Salamonie State Forest

John Seifert, Director of Forestry with the DNR, spoke with the Commissioners and explained that he oversees 160 acres of land. He noted that state forests allow more recreational use than state parks, which have stricter restrictions—such as limited hunting only when animal populations are too high. He stated there is no benefit in converting Salamonie Forest into a state park.

Salamonie currently has only a 37% occupancy rate from April to October. It would require approximately \$2 million in improvements to bring the facilities up to code. Given the low usage, it would take years to recoup the investment. John Seifert noted that enhancing the existing state forest would offer more benefits than converting it into a state park, which would result in the loss of various recreational activities such as trails, horseback riding, fishing, and hunting.

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IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager, presented the County Treasurer's report for the month ending May 31, 2025, as prepared by Brenda Hamilton, County Treasurer.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

These Minutes were approved on Monday, July 14, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street. Huntington, Indiana