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## **REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JULY 14, 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; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Surveyor Jerry Meehan; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Terry Miller, County Council; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Alan Bowers; David Ferguson, Sr; Rebecca Lemons

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called the July 14, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

#### **Huntington City Township Public Library**

Library Board appointee David Ferguson Sr updated the Commissioners on his experience serving on the board. He shared that he's greatly enjoying his time with the group and has developed strong, positive relationships with fellow board members.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

#### **Huffman Regulated Drain**

County Surveyor Jerry Meehan approached the Commissioners with a request to allocate \$22,000 for services provided by VS Engineering related to the Huffman Regulated Drain. The Huffman Regulated Drain is located between W 900 N and N 750 W Huntington, IN. Commissioner Tom Wall noted that the EMA regularly visits the area and uses its resources to address recurring flooding issues. He also pointed out that the Highway Department is tasked with maintaining the frequently flooded road, and the Sheriff's Department must close it when the drain overflows. Tom Wall made a motion to approve the \$22,000 payment to VS Engineering, using funds from CEDIT Project 4. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)**

**6/30/2025**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 30, 2025, meeting. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)**

**7/16/2025**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for July 16, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)**

**7/11/2025**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for July 11, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

#### **Historic Forks of the Wabash**

Tom Wall made a motion to waive the Permit Fee from DCD for moving the Gazebo at the Historic Forks of the Wabash. Terry Stoffel 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 Deco Illusions, LLC invoice in the amount of \$8,675.00 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Tom Wall seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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**IN THE MATTER OF INVOICES)**

**Cumulative Courthouse Funds**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to pay the Hattersley & Sons invoice in the amount of \$3,521.39 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Tom Wall seconded, 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 Hattersley & Sons invoice in the amount of \$2,330.00 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Tom Wall seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**Fuel Supply Agreement – Huntington Township**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Victory Noll – Storage Clean up**

Tom Wall made a motion to dispose of old items in storage, either by salvaging, scrapping, or holding a silent auction, pending Phil's assessment of which items are usable and which should be discarded. Terry Stoffel seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF BIDS)**

**WRHCF Grant Project for O'Donnell Center**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the bids for the WRHCF Grant Project at the O'Donnell Center. The masonry work, totaling \$46,115.00, was awarded to The Hagerman Group, and the window work, totaling \$42,300.00, was awarded to O'Neil Glass. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**WRHCF Grant Project for O'Donnell Center**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to have Commissioner Rob Miller sign an agreement with The Hagerman Group and O'Neil Glass pending Grantees and Attorney approval. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**Diesel Exhaust Fluid – City of Huntington**

Tom Wall made a motion to sign an agreement with the City of Huntington for them to be able to purchase Diesel Exhaust Fluid from the Huntington County Highway Department's new fuel system. Terry Stoffel seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF EARLY PAY)**

**Early Pay**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve an early payment request for a conference registration to the Indiana Auditor's Association in the amount of \$200.00. Tom Wall seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Nipsco Public Safety & FEMA Preparedness Grants**

Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director gave the Commissioners an update on applying for a NIPSCO Public Safety Grant as well as the FEMA Preparedness Grants.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONGRATULATIONS)**

**Samuel Jones Award**

The Commissioners congratulated Marilyn Bradford on being awarded the Samuel Jones Award for the Town of Warren.

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### **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; Stefanie Barrio, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Bridgett Burkhardt, Highway Superintendent; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Terry Miller, County Council; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Alan Bowers; Calvin Leonard; Vickie Leonard, Jeff Funkhouser

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

Kim Hostetler, DCD Director, gave an update that she had not heard from Mr. or Ms. Leonard about the property since the last meeting. Mr. and Ms. Leonard explained that they hired Jeff Funkhouser, a Structural, Mechanical, Foundation and Forensic Building Engineer out of Fort Wayne, IN, to inspect their property. His report states that "There are some areas of the roof structure that require structural remediation due to structural deterioration of some of the wood framing members which is readily attainable. Based on the visual structural inspection I performed on June 6, 2025 of the concrete block wall home located at 8132 N 894 W, Huntington, IN and with reasonable degree of engineer certainty, upon completed of the above described structural remediation of the deteriorated wood roof framing members it is my structural determination that the concrete block wall residence located at 8132 N 894 W, Huntington, IN will then have the structural strength to satisfy the structural design load requirements of the current applicable residential building code (2020 Indiana Residential Code)." The Public Hearing was closed at 10:30 a.m.

Terry Stoffel made a motion to waive any applicable county permit fees, provided that the Huntington County Building Inspector is allowed on-site to conduct inspections during the process. Additionally, the roof, siding, and exterior must be cleaned up and completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)**

#### **8187 N 900 W Huntington**

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the property located at 8187 N 900. W Huntington: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Stefanie Barrio, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Bridgett Burkhardt, Highway Superintendent; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Terry Miller, County Council; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Alan Bowers;

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:38 a.m.

Kim Hostetler, DCD Director, updated the Commissioners on a property that requires demolition. The homeowner had been in contact but has recently ceased all communication. According to the original notice sent, the homeowner has until August 11, 2025, to act. If no progress is made by then, the matter will return to the Commissioners for a decision regarding the property.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:45 a.m.

The Commissioners are upholding the order. The homeowner has until August 11, 2025, to contact the DCD. If no contact is made by that date, the issue will be brought back to a future Commissioners' meeting for further action.

### **IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)**

The Commissioners adjourned regular session and entered Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

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**These Minutes were approved on Monday, July 28, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street. Huntington, Indiana**