

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JULY 28, 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; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Terry Miller, County Council; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Alan Bowers; Dawin Garde; Jody Davenport; Chris Parker; Kathy Cron; William Bradford; Holly Landrum; Sara (Sally) Ford; Donna Waters; Gary Waters; Gregory Witkamp; Don Freiburger; Erik Long, Elevate Huntington; Zack Sand, Sand Strategies; and Zack Kessie, Sand Strategies

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called July 28, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Maple Solar

Marilyn Bradford raised several concerns about the Maple Solar project during a meeting with the Commissioners seeking clarification on certain issues. County Attorney Andrew Boxberger responded that he would provide answers at the next Commissioners' meeting, explaining that he did not want to make assumptions on the matter since he had not been County Attorney during that time.

Sara (Sally) Ford expressed heartfelt concerns to the Commissioners about the future of her home if the Maple Solar project moves forward.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

9337 S 900 W – 35, Lafontaine

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the property located at 9337 S 900 W – 35, Lafontaine; 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; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Terry Miller, County Council; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Alan Bowers; Dawin Garde; Jody Davenport; Chris Parker; Kathy Cron; William Bradford; Holly Landrum; Sara (Sally) Ford; Donna Waters; Gary Waters; Gregory Witkamp; Don Freiburger; Erik Long, Elevate Huntington; Zack Sand, Sand Strategies; Zack Kessie, Sand Strategies; Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Clark

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

Kim Hostetler, DCD Director reported that a complaint was filed in March 2025 by David Albertson concerning the property at 9337 S 900 W – 35, Lafontaine. In February 2025, a fire severely damaged the house, rendering it uninhabitable. The property owners were given a deadline of September 10, 2025, to demolish the structure and backfill the foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Clark explained that they have been working on the demolition themselves. Due to the extreme heat, progress has been slow. They are currently residing in a camper on the property, which has raised concerns from the Health Department. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:48 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion to grant Mr. and Mrs. Clark an extension until September 30, 2025, to complete the demolition of the house and backfill the foundation. He also stated that the Clarks must maintain communication with Kim Hostetler and the Department of Community Development (DCD) should any issues arise. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

7/14/2025

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 14, 2025, meeting. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

7/30/2025

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

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

7/25/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for July 25, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Civil Unrest Plan

Bob Jeffers, EMA Director and Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director, presented the Civil Unrest Plan. Tom Wall made a motion to adopt the updated Civil Unrest Plan as presented. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Debris Management Plan

Bob Jeffers, EMA Director and Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director, presented the Debris Management Plan. Tom Wall made a motion to adopt the updated Debris Management Plan as presented. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT)

Nipsco Public Safety

Bob Jeffers, EMA Director and Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director, provided the Commissioners with an update on the Nipsco Public Safety Grant application. They confirmed that they were able to apply for the \$5,000 grant.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION)

National Emergency Management Month

The Commissioners proclaim August 2025 as Emergency Management Month in Huntington County and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of emergency preparedness and support the efforts of emergency management professionals.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Box Fan Giveaway

The United Way of Huntington County, Huntington County Commissioners Office, Huntington County Emergency Management Agency coordinated a fan distribution initiative to assist residents in staying cool during the recent high temperatures. Thanks to a grant obtained by the United Way from the Duke Energy Foundation, a total of 130 box fans were distributed on July 24, 2025, to individuals and families in need.

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACTS)

Sand Strategies LLC

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the revised contract between the Board of County Commissioners and Sand Strategies LLC, reflecting a reduced monthly amount of \$8,000. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Council on Aging

Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager presented on behalf of Jessica Huscher, Executive Director for the Huntington County Council on Aging the Quarter 2 Operating / Administration reimbursement invoice in the amount of \$95,453.00 from both the Federal Operating funds and Public Mass Transit funds. Terry Stoffel made a motion to sign the Quarter 2 Operating / Administration reimbursement. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF INVOICES)

Cumulative Courthouse Funds

Tom Wall made a motion to pay the Hattersley & Sons invoice in the amount of \$5,489.96 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Terry Stoffel seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INVOICES)

Cumulative Courthouse Funds

Tom Wall made a motion to pay the Hattersley & Sons invoice in the amount of \$8,170.60 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Terry Stoffel seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Closed County Landfill

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the necessary repairs, including the replacement of Monitor Well #7 and maintenance work at the landfill, to be completed before bringing in dirt. The total cost is not to exceed \$45,000. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

Roanoke Rd

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Nipsco at CR Roanoke Rd Between CR 100 N and CR 1100 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

CR 100 West

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Heartland REMC at CR 1000 W between Maple Grove Rd and CR 500 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

CR 250 South

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Heartland REMC at CR 250 S between CR 800 W and 900W/ St Rd 105. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5205 Novae Pkwy

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5205 Novae Pkwy. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

3896 E 500 N

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 3896 E 500 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5274 N 600 E

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5274 N 600 E. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

4982 E Station Rd

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 4982 E Station Rd. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5591 E 600 N

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5591 E 600 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5009 E 700 N

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5009 E 700 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5518 N Mayne Rd

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5518 N Mayne Rd. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5327 E 900 N

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5327 E 900 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

5107 E 550 N

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for LeCom Utility Contractors at 5107 E 550 N. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 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 June 30, 2025, as prepared by Shelley Septer, Clerk of Huntington Circuit/Superior Courts.

IN THE MATTER OF RECESS)

Tom Wall made a motion to go into recess until Monday, August 11, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

These Minutes were approved on Monday, August 11, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street. Huntington, Indiana