

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; 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; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Terry Miller, County Council; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Alan Bowers; Darwin Garde; Jody Davenport; Chris Parker; Bob Bolen; Kathy Cron; William Bradford; Sara (Sally) Ford; Jill Yount; Gary Yount; John Paff; Charles Chapman; Gregory Witkamp; Don Freiburger;

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called August 11, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

7/28/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 28, 2025, meeting. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

8/13/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for August 13, 2025. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

8/8/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for August 8, 2025. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Maple Solar Projects

County Attorney Andrew Boxberger addressed questions raised by Marilyn Bradford during the previous commissioners' meeting. He explained that there is no legal course of action available that wouldn't expose the county to potential harm. If the county were to make changes, it could be held legally liable. Conversely, if the county were to rescind the agreement, the courts have indicated it would be considered a political action, arbitrary and capricious.

Maple Solar has until October 27, 2025, to initiate the project by pulling a permit. After that, they have 10 years to complete the project. To overturn or deny the signed agreement, there would need to be a significant and justifiable change in circumstances. If Maple Solar does not have a complete plan in place and fails to pull a permit with the DCD by the deadline, they will be required to reapply under the new County Solar Ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT)

LPA Consulting Contract – VS Engineering

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the LPA Consulting Contract with VS Engineering pertaining to construction engineering for the reconstruction of the Intersection of Division Road and County Road South 300 West, in Huntington County. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Surplus Inventory

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the 2011 International Plow Truck and the 1996 GMC Spray Truck as surplus inventory, to be sold at auction. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

800 S and S 300 W

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for US Signal within the Right of Way along County Road 800 South and South 300 West. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

7999 N 750 W

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Duke Energy at 7999 North 750 West. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

3901 W 800 S

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Pinkerton Farms, Inc at 3901 West 800 South. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

578 E McKeever St

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Duke Energy at 578 E McKeever St, Andrews. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 2-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF RECESS)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to go into recess until Monday, August 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

These Minutes were approved on Monday, August 25, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street. Huntington, Indiana