

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Stefanie Barrio, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Don Freiburger; Terry Miller, County Council; Alan Bowers; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Jessica Huscher, Executive Director Council on Aging; Lisa Harbuck, HAT Transportation Manager; Sharon Metzger, Huntington Main Street; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Larry Johnson; Calvin Leonard; Vic Leonard; Ed Farris, Purdue Extension

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called November 3, 2025 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

10/20/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 20, 2025, meeting. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

11/5/2025

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for November 5, 2025. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

10/31/2025

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for October 31, 2025. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Comcast Business Agreement

Tom Wall moved to approve and sign an upgrade to the existing Comcast Business Agreement, transitioning to a new fiber agreement, pending attorney approval. Terry Stoffel seconded, and 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 Sweetwater invoice in the amount of \$4,430.92 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Terry Stoffel seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INVOICES)

Repair/Maintenance O'Donnell Center

Terry Stoffel made a motion to pay Young Electric in the amount of \$1,145.00 from Repair/Maintenance O'Donnell Center. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INVOICES)

Sheriff Commissary

Tom Wall made a motion to pay Young Electric in the amount of \$596.00 from Sheriff Commissary. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Purdue Extension

Ed Farris provided an update on Purdue Extension, including information about current leadership programs. He reported that the county's 4-H enrollment has increased and noted that registration for the 2026 openings is now underway, with a deadline of January 15. He also requested that the office be closed on December 29, 30, and 31. The Commissioners agreed to this request by consensus. The 2026 contract is currently under review by Purdue and the County Attorney.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**FIT/CVET**

Auditor Jill Landrum discussed the Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax and the Financial Institution Tax, which together total approximately \$100,000 annually. These revenues have typically been deposited into the general fund, and Jill recommended continuing that practice. Terry Stoffel made a motion to keep receipting these funds into the general fund. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**Erie Stone Road Speed Study**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve and sign the agreement for Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc for a Erie Stone Road Speed Study. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**Highway Update**

Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent, provided an update on all County Highway activities. She reported that the 2026 Community Crossings Matching Grant application was submitted on Wednesday before the window closed on October 31, 2025, with a total request of \$748,513, including Application #15209 for \$630,953 with a \$126,190.60 match and Application #15217 for \$117,560 with a \$23,512 local match. The Aquaswirl fuel containment system has been delivered and is scheduled for installation this week. In preparation for winter weather, trucks are currently being converted for plowing and salt/sand operations, and each driver will be driving their township route with the front plow attached to become familiar with visibility changes, differences in vehicle handling, and any potential roadway hazards. This process is intended to ensure all drivers are fully prepared for a safe and successful winter season.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE)**HVAC Update**

Terry Stoffel made a motion regarding moving forward with the lawsuit against Ameresco if no response is received by End of Day November 3, 2025. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**Courthouse Rental**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve Sharon Metzger's request to rent the courthouse for an event called "Toast to Main Street" on Saturday, March 7, 2025. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**T-Mobile Grant**

An application is being submitted for a \$50,000 T-Mobile grant to replace downtown planters and hanging baskets with self-watering versions. This would reduce the burden on volunteers and improve reliability. The self-watering planters cost between \$300 and \$700 each. Terry Stoffel made a motion to proceed with applying for that grant for Downtown Huntington. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)**4143 S Warren Rd**

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the property located at 4143 S Warren Rd: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Marilyn Bradford; Hank Miller; Mike Thompson; Don Freiburger; Terry Miller, County Council; Alan Bowers; Greg Ricker, Building Inspector; Larry Johnson; Calvin Leonard; Vic Leonard

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:45 a.m.

Kim Hostetler, DCD Director, reported that an inspection appointment had been scheduled, but they were not allowed into the home at that time. Since then, communication has improved, and a new inspection is set for November 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Larry Johnson stated that he owns the oldest home in Majenica and believes it should be considered historic. He acknowledged that the roof needs repairs but emphasized that he does not want the home demolished. He wishes to repair the roof and modify the construction at the front of the house. He also noted that he has good credit and can afford the necessary improvements. Kim expressed a desire to complete the inspection and extend the enforcement order.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:58 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion to extend the Order of Enforcement deadline to December 1, 2025, however the property owner must appear at the December 1, 2025 Public Hearing and provide a plan to get the dwelling into compliance with Building Code. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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8132 N – 894 W, Bippus

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The Public Hearing was opened at 10:03 a.m.

Greg Ricker, Building Inspector reported that he visited the home on Friday and noted that progress is being made. The property has been painted, and the roof has been repaired. A few remaining items still need attention, including window replacements as well as new fascia and gutters. The property has been cleaned up, and all weeds have been addressed. The property owners indicated that, due to winter conditions, they plan to resume work on the remaining items in the spring of 2026.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:07 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion to extend the Order of Enforcement deadline to May 1, 2026, however the property owner must appear at the May 4, 2026 Public Hearing and have the work completed on the inside and outside of the structure. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTS)

Veteran's Service Officer

Tom Wall made a motion to match the \$3,000.00 grant the Veteran's Office received from Duke Energy, with the matching funds to be paid from CEDIT Project 6 with oversight from the Commissioners. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Quarterly Claim

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

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

400 Bowen Park Ave

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Comcast / Qc Communications at CR 500 N between CR N 320 W and CR N 313 W. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Veteran's Day

On November 11th, the Sheriff's Department will host a breakfast for Veterans from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and Commissioner Rob Miller will attend the Veterans Parade on November 8th.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Rescue Boat

Andrew Wust of the Huntington County Technical Rescue Team brought the boat that was funded by the commissioners back to the courthouse for everyone to view.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:42

These Minutes were approved on Monday, November 17, 2025. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street, Huntington, Indiana.