

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; Adrian Halverstadt, County Attorney; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director; Marilyn Bradford; Don Freiburger; Terry Miller, County Council; Alan Bowers; Tom Clounie

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

The following people attended virtually using Zoom: Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent

Commissioner Miller called January 12, 2026 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Schneider Geospatial

Tom Wall made a motion to sign and accept the Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Ricoh Order Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to authorize the signing and acceptance of the Ricoh Order Agreement for the continuation of the county printer lease. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

12/29/2025

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 29, 2025 meeting. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

1/14/2026

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for January 1, 2026. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

1/9/2026

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for January 9, 2026. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant

Bob Jeffers, EMA Director, presented timesheets for the Commissioners' review and signature for compliance monitoring of the EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant. Tom Wall made a motion to approve and sign the timesheets as presented. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Employee Emergency Action Plan

Thomas Fuller, EMA Deputy Director, presented the Commissioners with an updated Huntington County Courthouse Employee Emergency Action Plan. Terry Stoffel made a motion to accept the updated plan. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

900 N Discussion

Tom Clounie of Gabrial Ventures LLC returned to the Commissioners to revisit the discussion regarding the 900 N right-of-way. He reported that Gabrial Ventures had the property surveyed and consulted with VS Engineering on the matter. Mr.

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Clounie stated that he was following up to determine whether the Commissioners remained interested in selling a portion of the right-of-way.

Commissioner Miller explained that he had assigned VS Engineering to work on the issue and confirmed that the survey had been reviewed. He noted that a legal description must be filed with the Recorder's Office. The Commissioners indicated they are interested in selling the portion of the right-of-way, while also ensuring the County's right-of-way interests are fully protected.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Legal Representation Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to approve and execute the agreement for legal representation of the Board of Commissioners. The Board will pay \$55,000 in equal monthly installments for services covered under the monthly salary, and \$275 per hour for services outside the scope of those duties. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2026-02

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-02: An Ordinance of the Huntington County Board of Commissioners Establishing a Policy for Recordings at Public Meetings. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2026 Mileage Rate

Huntington County Government bases its standard mileage reimbursement rate for business use on the IRS standard mileage rate. The IRS increased the rate from 70 cents per mile to 72.5 cents per mile. Terry Stoffel made a motion to adopt the new mileage rate for 2026 as 72.5 cents per mile, effective January 12, 2026. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2025 County Employee Wages

Terry Stoffel made a motion to publish the 2025 Huntington County Employee Wages as presented in a report prepared by Auditor Jill Landrum. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Soil & Water 2026 Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to sign and approve the 2026 Soil & Water Agreement. 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 Deco Illusions, LLC invoice in the amount of \$9,445 from Cumulative Courthouse funds. Terry Stoffel seconded, the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Unofficial Detour – SR 105

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Letter of Understanding/Unofficial Detour with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) regarding SR 105 Bridge over Wabash River, .30 miles S of US 24. The unofficial detour will be River Rd to N 700 W to River Rd to N Rangeline Rd. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Council on Aging

Jessica Huscher, Executive Director for the Huntington County Council on Aging presented the Quarter 4 Operating / Administration reimbursement invoice in the amount of \$132,148.00 from both the Federal Operating funds and Public Mass Transit funds. Tom Wall made a motion to sign the Quarter 4 Operating / Administration reimbursement. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Huntington Council on Aging 2026 Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to sign and approve the 2026 Huntington Council on Aging Agreement. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Memorandum of Understanding

Terry Stoffel made a motion to sign and approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the payment of \$10,000.00 for Huntington County Community Corrections 2025 utilities, with Huntington County Community Corrections reimbursing the Commissioners the full amount of \$10,000.00. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

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The following people attended virtually using Zoom: Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Highway Superintendent

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:32 a.m.

Kim Hostetler, DCD Director, stated that all structures have been removed and only debris remains on the property, which still needs to be cleaned up. Rhonda Douglas Clark stated that the plan is to place a double-wide structure over the basement. Commissioner Stoffel commented that the property is looking much better.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:35 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion to give the Clark's until April 20, 2026 to remove all the debris and trash from the property as well as to replace the double-wide or back fill and seed the existing foundation. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Board of Electrical Engineers

Tom Wall made a motion to appoint Tim Young to the Board of Electrical Engineers. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Board of Electrical Engineers

Tom Wall made a motion to appoint Paul Augspurger to the Board of Electrical Engineers. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Rescue Mission

Adam Jordan appeared before the Commissioners to request their assistance in bringing the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission to Huntington County. The Commissioners recommended that he return with a representative from the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission to determine whether the organization is interested in pursuing this opportunity.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION)

2026-01

Tom Wall made a motion to accept and adopt Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Huntington County Opting In to the Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant Program to Support Pre-Development Activities for Housing Activation. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF RECESS)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to go into recess until Monday, January 26, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**These Minutes were approved on Monday,
January 26, 2026. A signed physical copy of this
document is available by request in the
Commissioners' Office located at 201 North
Jefferson Street, Huntington, Indiana.**