

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Stefanie Barrio, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Bridgett Burkhardt, Highway Superintendent; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Adrian Halverstadt; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Jerry Meehan, Surveyor; Terry Keiffer; Marilyn Bradford; Bill Bradford; Hank Miller; Don Freiburger; John Michaels; Alan Bowers; Brenda Hamilton, Treasurer; Ignacio Poncio; Max Troyer; Jordan Beaver; Terry Miller, County Council

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube.

Commissioner Miller called January 26, 2026 Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

1/12/2026

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 12, 2026 meeting. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

1/28/2026

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for January 28, 2026. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

1/23/2026

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for January 23, 2026. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Master Service Agreement

Ignacio Poncio and Max Troyer presented the Commissioners with an updated Master Service Agreement for NUP Media, which promotes transparency and public communication. Tom Wall made a motion to sign the Master Service Agreement with NUP Media. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Web Services Sales Agreement

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, presented the Revize Web Service Sales Agreement to the Commissioners. The County's current website will no longer be supported, requiring the County to move to a new website. After conducting extensive research, Joakim determined that the new service would cost \$3,000 more per year than the previous contract. The cost will continue to be shared between the County and the City of Huntington. This contract is for a one-year term.

Tom Wall made a motion to sign the Web Services Sales Agreement with Revize. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Board of Finance Annual Meeting

The Board of Finance Meeting was opened at 8:47 a.m.

The following people were present: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Stefanie Barrio, HR Director; Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager; Bridgett Burkhardt, Highway Superintendent; Dave Hacker, Highway Operations Foreman; Auditor Jill Landrum; County Attorney, Adrian Halverstadt; Phil Hibbert, Director of County Facilities; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Marilyn Bradford; Bill Bradford; Hank Miller; Don Freiburger; John Michaels; Alan Bowers; Brenda Hamilton, Treasurer; Jordan Beaver; Terry Miller, County Council

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT:

Board of Finance President

Tom Wall made a motion to appoint Commissioner Rob Miller as the President of the Board of Finance. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Board of Finance Treasurer

Tom Wall made a motion to appoint Brenda Hamilton as the Treasurer of the Board of Finance. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2-year-old checks

Discussion was had regarding the 2026 report of outstanding checks from 2023. The report, once approved, will authorize the Auditor's Office to void the checks on the report, which will in turn return the money to the funds they were deducted from in 2023. The Treasurer's office will place "Stop Payments" on the checks included in the report once it has been approved by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners stated that they would like to make a Facebook post with the report so that any individuals in the County who may be unaware that funds are owed to them will have two weeks to contact the Auditor's Office to claim those funds.

The Board of Finance Meeting was closed at 8:57 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2026-02 Discussion – Hank Miller

Hank Miller stated that he has attended numerous meetings over the past several years and has consistently conducted himself in a polite and respectful manner without causing disruptions. He expressed concern that Ordinance 2026-02 will affect his ability to hear meetings. He also noted that he has been subjected to online attacks. Mr. Miller stated that the public has a right to know who authored the ordinance and believes it may conflict with Open Door Law requirements. He further expressed that he feels the ordinance is targeted at him specifically and requested that the commissioners rescind the ordinance.

Commissioner Miller stated that the record should reflect that the Commissioners have heard Mr. Miller's concerns, complaints, and opinions. Commissioner Miller also stated that there are policies in place and this ordinance was adopted by the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Alternate for BZA

Terry Stoffel made a motion to appoint Jordan Beaver as an alternate for Mike Thompson on the BZA Board, limited solely to matters related to the Maple Solar project. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Right-of-way / Easements

Jerry Meehan, Surveyor, and Terry Keiffer appeared before the Commissioners to discuss right-of-way concerns. Mr. Keiffer asked whether the Commissioners are aware of the locations and depths of existing rights-of-way. He noted instances in which companies have ignored pulled permits and failed to follow restrictions placed on utility permits by the Drainage Board. He also stated that companies have been driving in fields. The Commissioners acknowledged that this issue requires further review. No motions were made at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

OCRA Grant

Don Freiburger stated that he spoke with Sandra from Region 3A regarding the contractors and whether a single individual would be overseeing the entire project. The Commissioners do not want the project to be drawn out and want it handled in a timely manner.

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IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

600 East

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Citizens Telephone within the Right of Way along County Road 600 East between SR 124 and County Road 500 South. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

3686 N CR 100 E

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Duke Energy within the Right of Way along County Road 100 East between CR East 400 North and CR East 300 North. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Solar Matters

Tom Wall moved to implement a one-year moratorium effective immediately. Commissioner Miller clarified that the moratorium is intended as a pause rather than a ban. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2026-03

Tom Wall made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-03: An Ordinance of the Huntington County Board of Commissioners establishing certain traffic rules. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Notice to Bidders

Terry Stoffel made a motion to authorize the posting of the Notice to Bidders on February 4, 2026, and February 18, 2026, for the Huntington County Highway Department's annual bid process. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Commissioners Sale

Auditor Jill Landrum stated that there are only three properties eligible for a Commissioners Sale. By consensus, the Commissioners decided not to hold a Commissioners Sale in 2026.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Emergency Vehicle Service Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to sign the Emergency Vehicle Service Agreement with Parkview for 2026. Terry Stoffel 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 December 31, 2025, as prepared by Shelley Septer, Clerk of Huntington Circuit/Superior Courts.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Lenfestey, Office Manager, presented the County Treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2025, as prepared by Brenda Hamilton, County Treasurer.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Rob Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

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These Minutes were approved on Monday, February 9, 2026. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street, Huntington, Indiana.