

## Commissioner's Meeting

November 3, 2025

Date & Time: 2025-11-3 6:00 P..M.

Location: Room 106

Attendees: Jeremy Pasel, Gabe Nobbe and Brian Wenning

### Opening

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
  - The meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M. with a welcome to attendees.
  - Title VI forms are available for attendees to fill out and submit to the Auditor's Office.
- Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
  - The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Snyder followed by prayer from Ken Mobley.

### Approvals and Administrative Items

- **Meeting Minutes:**
  - Minutes from the October 20 meeting were reviewed, motion made to approve by Gabe Nobbe, seconded by Jeremy Pasel, motion carried unanimously.
- **Claims:**
  - Claims were reviewed with no questions, motion made to approve by Gabe Nobbe, seconded by Jeremy Pasel, motion carried unanimously.
- **Payroll:**
  - Payroll for October 24, 2025, totaling \$409,139.67, was reviewed.
  - A question about 27 and 21 hours of overtime for some employees was clarified as related to the now-completed chip-and-seal project.
  - Motion made by Gabe Nobbe to approve, seconded by Jeremy Pasel, motion carried unanimously.

### Highway Department Update

- Continuing maintenance: patching, bush hogging, and road grading.
- Completing passer ratings for the road asset management plan; upload to LTAP due by December 1.
- Bridge Asset Management Plan also due for upload by December 1.
- **Training and Preparation:**
  - Six employees completed a Cutter Class on safe tree felling for storm response.
  - Attended REMC live wire training; planning a similar session for the highway department.
  - Snowplow training conducted on safety and best practices.
  - Winter operations meeting held with EMA and schools.
  - 150 tons of sand delivered; 200 tons of salt ordered.
  - Jeremy Pasel requested culvert replacement cost estimates for 850 South in New Point to discuss with the town council.

### Comprehensive Plan Agreements

- Agreements with SIRPC (Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission) and HWC Engineering are ready to sign to initiate the county comprehensive plan.
- SIRPC agreement: motion made by Gabe Nobbe for the acceptance of grant funds for the project, Brian Wenning seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- HWC contract: motion made by Brian Wenning for the execution of the comprehensive plan, seconded by Gabe Nobbe, motion carried unanimously.

### **Clarksburg Rodent Control Plan**

- Sean Durbin gave an update on the Clarksburg rodent control plan: community meeting with ~40 residents showed strong support.
- Phase 2 underway: purchasing copper mesh, rodent screens, and supplies for residents.
- An employee obtained a license to purchase restricted-use rodenticides.
- Emphasized community-wide cleanup; suggested a community clean-up day.
- **Funding:**
  - Estimated budget: \$4,600. Health Department requested financial assistance.
  - Commissioners suggested using the county disaster fund line item to cover costs.

### **EMA Tornado Siren Service Contract**

- Mike Snyder gave an update stating after tower work and siren reprogramming, testing found two nonfunctional sirens.
- Proposed three-year service contract at ~\$34,000 (up from a prior \$2,200 contract), covering 17 sirens.
- Competitive quotes are being sought from other firms.
- Current vendor offered to repair the two malfunctioning sirens as a goodwill gesture if the contract is signed.

### **Annex Snowplow Bid**

- One bid received from Banks Lawn Care for annex snowplowing.
- Rates: \$90/hour (plow), \$135/hour (skid steer), \$0.85/pound (salt application).
- Motion to accept the Banks Lawn Care bid was made by Brian Wenning, seconded by Gabe Nobbe, and carried unanimously.

### **Fairgrounds Project Update**

- County approved for a READI grant of \$1,950,000 for the fairgrounds project.
- Motion to accept sub-grant agreement with Accelerate Rural Indiana Regional Development Authority presented for approval by Jeremy Pasel, seconded by Brian Wenning, motion carried unanimously.
- Fundraising campaign has raised \$460,000 to date.

### **Board Appointments and Agreements**

- **Purdue Extension MOU:**
  - Motion to approve the memorandum of Understanding with Purdue Extension made by Gabe Nobbe, seconded by Brian Wenning, motion carried unanimously.
- **Lake Santee Board Appointments:**
  - Joyce Eddy appointed to fill a vacancy on the Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water District. Brian Wenning made the motion to approve, Gabe Nobbe seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - Larry Kernan reappointed to the same board with Gabe Nobbe making the motion, Brian Wenning seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **Departmental Reports**

- **911 Dispatch Center:**
  - Five-year, \$42,000 contract addendum for a new 911 radius mapping system presented and approved; part of a larger system upgrade. Jeremy Pasel made the motion to approve, Gabe Nobbe Seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- **Veterans Office:**
  - Veterans Day parade scheduled for Saturday.
  - Freedom Sings USA will host a veterans retreat at Jawacdah Farms.
  - A new vehicle has been purchased for the office.
- **Sheriff's Department:**
  - Community service food drive was successful, collecting over \$5,300 in food and \$1,000 in cash donations.
- **Auditor's Office:**
  - State increased income limits for the over-65 property tax deduction to \$60,000 (single) and \$70,000 (joint).
- **Fairgrounds Storage:**
  - Roof on the fairgrounds storage building was replaced.
  - The building generated \$27,341 in storage rental income.

**Meeting Adjournment**

- Motion to recess was made by Brian Wenning, seconded by Gabe Nobbe. Motion passed. Meeting recessed.

The next Commissioner meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th, beginning at 8:00 A.M. in room 106.

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