

**Commissioner's Meeting
November 17, 2025**

Date & Time: 2025-11-17 8:00 A.M.

Location: Room 106

Attendees: Jeremy Pasel Gabriel Nobbe and Brian Wenning

Opening

- **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
 - The meeting commenced at 8 o'clock 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 Janet Howell followed by prayer from Pastor Dennis Spears.

Approvals and Financial Matters

- Meeting minutes from November 3rd were reviewed with a correction to change "pager" to "paser" in the highway department section. A motion was made to approve by Gabe Nobbe, seconded by Brian Wenning. Motion carried unanimously.
- The claims were reviewed and no questions asked. Motion to approve made by Jeremy Pasel, seconded by Gabe Nobbe. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve payroll for the week of November 7, 2025, in the amount of \$408,566.54, was made by Gabe Nobbe, seconded by Brian Wenning. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department Update

- **Presenter:** Todd Houk
- **Maintenance Activities:** Ongoing work includes mowing, patching, grading roads, bush hogging, and bridge work on 167 and in Westport.
- **Community Outreach:** The department hosted two field trips for the JAG class from the high school.
- **Supplies & Compliance:** 200 tons of salt were delivered. The department is in compliance with bridge inspections and the asset management plan has been uploaded.
- **Westport Bridge Project:** Bridge beams are scheduled for delivery on December 9th, with a target completion date before Christmas.
- **New Point Culvert:** Pricing for a culvert at New Point is being worked on. The current culvert is significantly undersized based on water flow rates.

Resident Concern on County Road 200 South

- **Presenter:** Mr. Dickman
- A resident expressed concern about County Road 200 South, which he paid to have blacktopped in 2013.
- Recent county work cut into the blacktop, creating a hump and leaving loose gravel.
- The county confirmed it is their responsibility to maintain the road.
- **Conclusion:** The Highway Department was instructed to address the repair, preferably within the week.

Comprehensive Plan Update

- **Presenter:** Doug Westerfeld

- A kickoff meeting was held with SIRPC and HWC for the comprehensive plan.
- A steering committee of about 15 people will be formed this week, with the first meeting in December.
- Community workshops are scheduled to begin next year, with a goal to complete the plan by November 26th of the following year.
- Discussions have occurred with leaders from St. Paul, New Point, and Millhousen about the benefits of the plan.

Housing Needs Analysis Report

- **Presenter:** Bryan Robbins
- **Overview:** A report was presented on the county's housing market, based on existing documents, data analysis, and stakeholder engagement.
- **Key Findings:**
 - The population has seen recent stagnant growth, with a significant increase in the 55+ age group.
 - The county is a net importer of commuters, with about 4,500 people commuting in for work.
 - 83% of the housing stock is single-family homes, indicating a lack of housing diversity.
 - There is a severe drop in vacancy rates, contributing to higher housing prices.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:**
 - Residents value the small-town feel but desire more amenities like parks and walking trails.
 - Blighted properties are a concern, as they can lower property values while rents remain high.
 - The development process is clear, but inconsistent code enforcement can be a frustration.
 - Infrastructure constraints, particularly wastewater in St. Paul and New Point, hinder growth.
- **Recommendations:**
 - Focus on developing medium-density housing like duplexes and townhomes to attract seniors and recent graduates.
 - Connect new housing projects to amenities to improve quality of life.
 - The data will help attract developers by showing what types of housing would work in the county.

911 System Upgrade

- **Presenter:** LeighAnn Dashiell
- A proposal was presented to upgrade the 911 system.
- The equipment purchase agreement is for approximately \$223,000, which includes half of the first year's maintenance. A 50% down payment is required upon signing.
- The annual support and maintenance contract is for \$23,084.31, which is consistent with the current cost.
- **Conclusion:** Motion to approve the equipment purchase was made by Brian Wenning, seconded by Gabe Nobbe. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the support/maintenance agreements was made by Jeremy Pasel, seconded by Gabe Nobbe. Motion carried unanimously.

RDC Annual Spending Plan for 2026

- **Presenter:** Don Schilling
- The RDC must prepare an annual spending plan for the State of Indiana.
- The plan authorizes \$5.7 million for economic development, which includes approximately \$4 million in current accounts and \$1.7 million in expected excess revenue.

- **Committed Funds:**
 - \$600,000 for projects including an EMA storage building, Parks & Rec baseball complex, and Fairgrounds Community Building.
 - \$1.5 million to be shared with the City of Greensburg's RDC.
 - \$2.1 million for debt service on bonds from 2006.

Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution

- **Description:** A discussion was held regarding a change in state legislation for the dispersal of commercial vehicle excise tax funds. Previously, the funds were distributed among several departments. The new legislation allows the funds to go directly into the county general fund.
- **Conclusion:** A motion was made to deposit all commercial vehicle excise tax funds into the County General fund by Jeremy Pasel, seconded by Gabe Nobbe. Motion carried unanimously.

Hospital Board Appointments

- **Description:** The board discussed appointments for the hospital board. The terms for Malcolm Myers and Tammy Williams are ending, and the hospital recommended their reappointment. The hospital also recommended Andrew Stewart to fill a vacancy.
- **Conclusion:** Motions were made by Jeremy Pasel to reappoint both Malcolm Myers and Tammy Williams, seconded by Brian Wenning. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to appoint Andrew Stewart to the hospital board for a term from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029 was made by Jeremy Pasel, seconded by Brian Wenning. Motion carried unanimously.

Fairgrounds Project Equipment

- **Description:** The board discussed the need for equipment to move tables and chairs to the mezzanine at the fairgrounds, requiring a 12-foot lift. A propane forklift was favored over a telehandler for its maneuverability and non-marking tires.
- **Conclusion:** The board agreed to explore purchasing a used, propane-powered forklift from a local source. Jeremy Pasel will gather costs.

Bids for General Reassessment of Real Property

- **Description:** Three bids were received for the general reassessment of real property for the assessor's office:
 - Vision Government Solutions: \$509,540
 - Ad Valorem Solutions: \$486,720
 - Tyler Technologies: \$476,100
- **Conclusion:** The board will review the proposals and make a decision at the next meeting. A request was made for a copy of the RFP to ensure compliance.

Round-the-Room Updates

- **Fundraiser & Community Events:** A recent fundraiser was successful. An upcoming "Leaders and Lagers" event will focus on fire safety.
- **9-1-1:** Staff are undergoing re-training for an upcoming system upgrade.
- **Community Corrections:** The Department of Corrections (DOC) is cutting the community corrections budget by \$5 million next year.
- **Veteran's Office:** Staff will attend a funeral for a veteran with no family. The Veterans Day parade and a gift card giveaway were successful. The new transport van is expected to be operational by the first of the year.
- **Pool Project:** The project is moving forward with blueprints and design work, and a large financial commitment has been secured.
- **Sheriff's Office Purchase:** The Sheriff's office will purchase new patrol rifles for all cars using \$40,300 from commissary funds to standardize the rifle platform.
- **Early Voting Location:** A discussion was held about finding a location for early voting, which starts April 9th, as the current space is occupied.

Options include temporarily relocating the CIT team. The group will work to find a solution.

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to recess was made by Jeremy Pasel, seconded by Brian Wenning. Motion passed. Meeting recessed.

The Next Commissioner meeting will be held on Monday, December 1st, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____