

## Commissioner's Meeting

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Date & Time: 2025-09-02 17:59:08

Location: Room 106

Attendees: Jeremy Pasel, Gabriel Nobbe, and Brian Wenning

### Opening

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
  - The meeting commenced at 6 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 Leigh Ann Dashiell followed by prayer from Brian Wenning.

### Approvals and Financial Matters

- The minutes of the August 18th commissioners' meeting were reviewed and approved, with a correction noted for bridge numbers: bridge 131, should be bridge 131 and 140.
- Claims from Peine were discussed, including a bill for \$6,436 with breakdowns of \$3,000, \$545, and \$2,870. Initial concerns were raised about these claims, requiring Charlie Davis' review.
- The Henry Glass claim for \$2,957.07 (DBA Scheidler) was clarified as legitimate, related to courthouse window repairs and a chiller issue.
- A motion was made and approved to accept all three Peine claims as presented, along with Henry Glass.
- Payroll for the week of August 29, 2025, totaling \$409,857.53, was reviewed and approved without questions.
- The Parks Department returned a signed promissory note for \$200,000, which had been discussed in the prior August meeting.
  - The \$200,000 is a repayment from the Parks Department to the county, drawn from the Decatur County Fund inside of EDIT.
  - The Board approved the promissory note, with signatures and motions completed.
  - Financial summary: \$300,000 total was allocated from EDIT for ball diamond renovations; \$200,000 will be repaid over 10 years, leaving \$100,000 as the county's direct contribution.
- Accelerate Rural Indiana RDC Membership
  - The Board approved payment of the annual membership invoice for Accelerate Rural Indiana (READI) in the amount of \$7,500.
  - The membership includes Decatur County, Greensburg, Batesville, Shelbyville, Rushville, and Rush County, supporting project administration and application processes.
  - Payment will be processed in the next claim cycle, as clarified during the meeting.

### Departmental Updates

## Highway Department

- General Maintenance and Bridge Projects
  - Ongoing maintenance includes patching, grading, stone roads, vegetation spraying, and mowing.
  - Bridge 63 replacement is in progress, with beams scheduled for delivery and installation on September 15.
  - Culvert replacements and side maintenance are ongoing.
- FEMA Grant Application
  - The county submitted an application for FEMA funding related to debris removal, with all required documents signed and submitted.
  - The grant is a 75/25 split, with the county expected to receive approximately \$87,000 out of a submitted total of \$106,000.
  - Final details and locations are being confirmed, and payment is pending FEMA processing. Todd Houk noted challenges with the highly secure grant portal, including password issues, but confirmed all documents were submitted and reviewed.
- ADA Title VI Resolution
  - Forms and resolution updates for ADA Title VI compliance were submitted to INDOT.
  - The commissioners adopted Resolution 2025-13, appointing Christy Smiley as the Title VI coordinator for Decatur County.
- Road Work and Bidding Procedures
  - Additional Road Work Outside CCMG
    - Discussions addressed road work not included in the CCMG, with the county purchasing oil and stone and contracting a company for application.
    - To keep costs under the \$150,000 threshold, the county will handle material purchases directly.
  - Bid Solicitation Requirements
    - For projects over \$50,000 but under \$150,000, three quotes must be invited and opened at a public meeting.
    - Documentation of who was solicited and who declined is required for compliance.
    - Recent outreach to vendors, including Jeremy (SC) and Pavement Solutions, resulted in them declining due to scheduling conflicts; Evergreen was the only one who responded with a price.
- ADA Compliance Resolution
  - The Board reviewed and adopted Resolution 2025-14, designating Doug Westerfeld as the ADA coordinator for Decatur County, Indiana.
  - The resolution includes posting the ADA coordinator's name, office address, and telephone number along with the ADA notice and grievance procedure on the county website.
  - The ADA notice and grievance procedure are to be filed with the Office of the Auditor and posted at other locations as determined.
  - The resolution was passed and adopted on September 2, 2025.

## EMA

- Red Cross Disaster Shelter Facility Use Agreement
- The Board reviewed and approved a facility use agreement with the Red Cross to utilize the old gym/training room as a disaster shelter.

- An addendum allows for sheltering pets in adjacent hallways and the enclosed courtyard, with crates supplied by Red Cross and local partners.
- The agreement includes highlighted building areas for shelter use: gym, kitchen, restrooms, shower area, and hallways.
- EMA is actively working to secure other shelter locations in Greensburg and St. Paul to provide alternatives.
- The agreement was approved for both the main shelter and pet shelter addendum.

### **Facility Use Requests**

- Greensburg High School requested use of the War Memorial for their annual “Prayer at the Pole” event on Wednesday, September 24, from 7 to 8 AM.
  - Certificate of liability insurance was submitted.
  - The request was approved.
- Decatur County Right to Life requested permission to display crosses on the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn from October 5 through October 12.
  - Insurance documentation was provided.
  - The request was approved.
- The Fall Festival requested use of picnic tables from the fairgrounds, with plans to pick up and return them after the event.
  - The Board formally discussed and approved the request.

### **Water-Based Recreation Survey Results**

- The recent survey received 3,456 responses, a significant increase from the original 900, indicating higher community engagement.
- Survey findings:
  - Importance of water-based recreation in Decatur County averaged 4.35 out of 5.
  - Average interest in attending the pool was 4.56 out of 5.

### **Equipment Bids: Utility Trailer**

- Three bids were received for a new trailer for mowing operations:
  - Five Points Trailer Sales: \$4,100 for a 2024 Liberty Utility Trailer (16x7, two-foot dovetail, tandem axle, 7,000-pound rated).
  - Second bid: \$5,446 (painted, no dovetail).
  - Third bid: \$4,450 (no dovetail).
- Recommendation is to proceed with the Five Points trailer, but the decision is deferred to the next meeting for further bid review.

### **Veterans’ Affairs**

- Two veterans’ compensation claims were approved by the VA, granting them free VA health care.
- A World War II veteran from Westport is turning 100 this month; the family is organizing a celebration.
  - The Adjutant General of Indiana will provide a letter and challenge coin.
  - The Governor has approved a letter and may meet the veteran at a later date.

## **911**

Greensburg Tower system upgrade is scheduled to begin September 3, 2025; equipment has arrived after delays.

- The Indiana Professionals Conference (formerly NENA/APCO) is at the end of September.

- Nine leadership courses available; five staff members plan to attend. While leadership courses are planned for some, other operators will be taking frontline dispatch courses.
- Training costs are approximately \$900 per dispatcher; budget is sufficient but being monitored.
- Plan to rotate training opportunities among staff annually.
- A dispatcher left for a director’s role at another PSAP; two positions will be advertised.

**Health Department**

- West Nile virus is present in the county.
  - The health department is conducting treatments and further testing in affected areas. It was noted that frost would help eliminate the virus.

**Parks Department**

- Staffing is back to full levels, allowing for improved professionalism and community engagement.

**APC/BCA**

- Findings of fact were published August 26, 2025.
- Clarification sought regarding the appeal deadline in relation to BCA and findings of fact publication.
- Upcoming APC and BZA meetings will be held at the courthouse.

**Courthouse Maintenance and Parking**

- Paving around the courthouse will occur September 3–5, 2025, affecting all three sides.
- Employees and visitors are asked to be patient during this period.
- Maintenance position filled by Charlie Davis has led to completion of previously delayed tasks and cost savings.

**Meeting Adjournment**

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

The Next Commissioner meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, beginning at 8:00 AM in room 106.

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