

# HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. local time, in the Commissioners' Room of the Harrison County Government Center located in Corydon, Indiana.

Present: Nelson Stepro, Commissioner  
Annis Kellum, Commissioner  
Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

Chris Byrd, County Attorney  
Chad Shireman, County Auditor

County commissioner Nelson Stepro called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with all three commissioners and county attorney Chris Byrd present. The pledge to the American Flag was recited.

Commissioner Stepro said the first order of business would be claims for the commissioners' consideration. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve all regular claims as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the payroll and prepaid vouchers as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Andrew Reich came before the commissioners to follow up on previous discussions relating to a mural on the Indian Creek Trail. Mr. Reich stated that himself, county attorney Chris Byrd, and attorney Marilyn Austin had worked together to put together a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Harrison County and Indian Creek Trail, Inc. This document addressed the concerns brought forward by the commissioners when it was requested that they consider entering into a joint use and maintenance agreement (JUMA) with the Indiana Department of Transportation. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the MOU and JUMA. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Harrison County EMA director Mike Kurz came before the commissioners with three items. The first was an update on dumpster cleanup efforts along the river due to flooding, noting the success of the current system. Mr. Kurz said the dumpsters saved the county highway department time and man-hours. Three different vendors have been used to provide the dumpsters, with a total cost estimate of \$5,650.00.

The next item from EMA was a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Disaster Assistance No Cost Space Agreement for the commissioners' consideration. This would provide a space for the agency to issue, assist with, receive and close disaster loans applications for homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by declared disasters. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion allow Commissioner Stepro to sign the SBA Agreement. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mike Kurz's final item was an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$2,500.00 to replace and upgrade the AV equipment in the conference room at the Harrison County Government Center. Mr. Kurz noted that this would include the removal of the existing whiteboard and

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projector, replacing them with four 55-inch TVs, and a PA/sound system interface. Mr. Kurz said the EMA office, IT, and maintenance departments had all been working together on the project. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the additional appropriation request to the county council for their consideration. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Under other county business, county council chairman Donnie Hussung came before the commissioners to express the council's support for studying a redevelopment commission and TIF districts. Mr. Hussung said there were multiple large tracts of land in the county that developers were interested in. To support redevelopment efforts, he noted that the county should explore all potential avenues for encouraging and aiding in seeing this development come to fruition.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple items. His first order of business was the signing of the performance and payment bond associated with 2025-1-CCMG paving project. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to sign the bond. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The second item was two additional appropriation requests as follows: \$100,000.00 in the parts-truck & tractor account in the local road & street fund and \$25,000.00 in the equipment account in the local road & street fund. Commissioner Stepro said that he knew these were necessary expenditures, but asked Kevin to explain to the county council that these are the types of expenses the commissioners and highway department were trying to mitigate moving forward. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the additional appropriation requests to the county council for their consideration. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The third item on the county engineer's agenda was a request to allow county highway superintendent Glen Bube to sign paperwork associated with compact track loader trade-ins, pending the council's approval of funding. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to that effect. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Russel said the final action item was personnel issues within the highway department. He asked that the commissioners consider approving two employees transitioning into new roles as follows: Lee Brewer as highway crewman and Jeffrey Shaffer as district 3 foreman. Kevin noted that this would have an effective date of April 21, 2025. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve both positional transfers as requested. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman also made a motion to hire BJ Terry as a highway crewman, with a requirement that he obtain his CDL within his 90-day probationary period. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

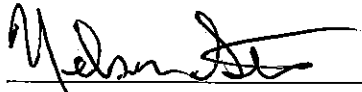
Commissioner Stepro said the next order of business would be the ratification of his signatures on three documents. The first was a grant application for superior court probation, the second was a lien placed on the property of Berle Bowen, and the last was a school resource officer MOU

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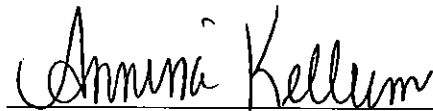
between the County and Lanesville School Corporation. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to ratify the president's signatures. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Chad Shireman presented the April 7, 2025 meeting minutes for the commissioners' consideration. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

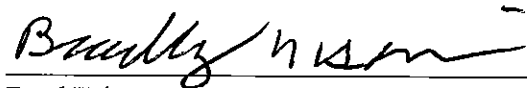
Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.




Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Chad Shireman, County Auditor