

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2026, 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
Sara Burdick, County Auditor
Chad Shireman, County Administrator

County commissioner Nelson Stepro called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

The next order of business was flagged claims. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve a flagged claim in the amount of \$230.00 to vendor #8193, Aramsco Retailers, to be paid once funding is in place. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County sheriff Nick Smith came before the commissioners to provide an update to the community on construction progress at the Justice Center. He said construction is going well, the contractors have been great to work with, and they are progressing as quickly as possible. Inmates continue to be housed in Washington County. Sheriff Smith said invoices are being paid timely, and he appreciates the commissioners' efforts to move the project forward.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple discussion items. The first was a performance bond with C&R Construction for asphalt contract 2026-02 that was awarded at their previous meeting. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the bond as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was the bid for new bridge #170 on Smith Creek Road that was taken under advisement at the previous meeting. Mr. Russel recommended that the commissioners award the bid to the lowest bidder, Transamerica Railroad Consulting. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to award the bid as recommended. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item on the engineer's agenda was a utility relocation agreement with Harrison REMC. Kevin requested an additional appropriation for county road projects in the county share of riverboat fund. This would go toward finalization of the right-of-way parcel for the Corydon Ridge Road reconstruction project. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the funding request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was Harrison County Bridge #56 on Rocky Hollow Road. Mr. Russel noted they did not feel that this would be a good candidate for a federal aid project because of the nature of the road and the waterway that it's going across. He requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$199,025.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund to begin engineering work on the project. Commissioner

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Wiseman made a motion to forward the funding request to the county council. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item on the engineer's agenda was for the purchase of a new brine maker. Mr. Russel requested that highway superintendent Mark Toler be authorized to purchase the new equipment and sign any necessary paperwork, pending funding approval from the county council. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to authorize Mr. Toler to make the purchase under those conditions. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The final item pertained to INDOT's notice of funding availability, with applications for rural federal aid projects beginning on Monday, November 2, 2026 and ending Friday, December 4, 2026. Mr. Russel said he planned to proceed with preparations to apply for a project to reconstruct the intersection of Doolittle Hill Road and State Road 111.

Under personnel issues, a highway department employee currently on workman's compensation had requested leave without pay until October 1, 2026. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the leave without pay request as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Sara Burdick presented a request for 3.5 hours of leave without pay for an employee in her office who had a vacation scheduled prior to employment. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the leave without pay request as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Auditor Burdick presented a public official bond for Virginia Morris of the Harrison County soil & water conservation district. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the bond as requested. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro said the U.S. Army engineering district in Louisville had reached out and offered to do a floodplain management study for the area that encompasses Lanesville, Indiana where major flooding had recently occurred. This would be done at no cost to the County. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow commissioner Stepro to sign a letter to the district requesting these services. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro also said Frontier Communications has advised that all copper services, which the county has, will no longer be available as of November 1, 2026. The County will be transitioning to a new phone system as soon as possible. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign a contract with Stahl Communications for these services going forward. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Nelson Stepro, Commissioner

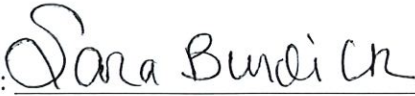
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Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor