

# HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, December 1, 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  
Sara Burdick, County Auditor  
Chad Shireman, County Administrator

County commissioner Nelson Stepro called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 allow payment to vendor #7602, Emergency Management Alliance, in the amount of \$50.00 once funding is in place. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow payment to vendor #7340 Emergency Management Alliance, in the amount of \$6,290.00 once funding is in place. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow payment to vendor #647, Harrison County Hospital EMS, in the amount of \$42,174.00 once funding is in place. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow payment to vendor #4967, Jeff Miller, in the amount of \$1,500.00 pending supporting documentation meeting auditor's office requirements. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow payment to vendor #3435, John Miller, in the amount of \$1,500.00 pending supporting documentation meeting auditor's office requirements. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow payment to vendor #1131, M&M Office Products, in the amount of \$188.74 once funding is in place. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow payment to vendor #6684, Shredding & Storage, in the amount of \$70.00 once funding is in place. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow payment to vendor #3178, Urethane of Kentuckiana, in the amount of \$94,777.00 once funding is in place. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County attorney Chris Byrd opened bids for county reassessment services for the years 2027-2030. Nexus Ltd was the only vendor to submit a bid, submitting an offer in an amount not to exceed \$647,000.00 for the four-year period.

County assessor Rena Stepro came before the commissioners to note that her office has been working with Nexus for 18 years and are very happy with the work that they do. The commissioners took the bid under advisement to allow the county attorney to review it in full, with the commissioners taking action at their next meeting.

Attorney H. Lloyd Whitis came before the commissioners to request that attorney Maryland Austin represent the County in his absence on the Bruce Brown Jr condemnation case on December 8, 2025 for limited purpose of discovery. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Roland Lemus of Blue River Services came before the commissioners with the third-quarter claim for the 5311-transportation grant totaling \$132,666.00. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Christy Powell of RJL Solutions came before the commissioners with a resolution approving an order of the Harrison County Area Plan Commission, approving a declaratory resolution and economic development plan previously adopted by the Harrison County Redevelopment Commission. Ms. Powell said this is the next procedural step in establishing the I-64 and Highway 135 NW economic development area. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-09. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a time-sensitive letter from Harrison County emergency management to the Harrison County Community Foundation. The letter made a request for the remaining \$5,500.00 grant balance to be used for intercom repairs and updates at the schools to allow the Centegix Crisis Alerting system to become fully functional. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to ratify commissioner Stepro's signature. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple action items. The first was a road inventory update to INDOT. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the inventory report as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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The next item was an announcement that annual bids had been advertised to be opened at the next commissioner meeting on December 15, 2025.

Asphalt contract 2025-02 has been advertised to also be opened at the December 15, 2025 commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to formally accept a fog sealing quote from RejuvTec so funding can be encumbered into 2026. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Russel said the highway department received confirmation that they will be awarded community crossings grant funding for the Bridge #43 project on St. John's Church Road in the amount of \$319,562.77. He will present an additional appropriation request for grant matching funds out of the cumulative bridge fund at the next commissioner meeting.

The last portion of the engineer's agenda was personnel issues. The first request was to change job titles from garage mechanic and head mechanic to (2) garage mechanics. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow the change in job titles with an effective date of 01/01/2026. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Russel said the next personnel issue was a CDL requirement for all highway department employees. In order to fill vacancies, the commissioners had temporarily suspended the requirement for mechanic positions. Now that the department has their in-house training running again, they are requesting that this requirement be reinstated. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to again require mechanic positions to obtain CDL's with an effective date of July 1, 2027. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The last item on the engineer's agenda was reclassification as follows with an effective date of December 7, 2025: John Smith from highway crewman to large equipment operator, Alex Proctor from garage mechanic to highway crewman, Cory Haun from garage foreman to garage mechanic, Charlie Pellman from head mechanic to large equipment operator, BJ Terry from large equipment operator to garage mechanic, and Greg Baumgart from large equipment operator to garage foreman. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve an agreement with the Harrison County Substance Abuse Coalition in the amount of \$18,000.00 to be signed outside of the meeting once county attorney Chris Byrd is able to prepare it. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro said some of the police officers had expressed an interest in creating a union. County attorney Chris Byrd will be conducting a vote on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 12:00-4:00 PM. Commissioner Kellum made a motion for approval. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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County auditor Sara Burdick presented multiple items for the commissioners' consideration. The first was a request to allow the auditor to sign grant agreements for the sheriff department and CASA electronically via Docusign. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow the request as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the 2026 Harrison County Government holiday schedule 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 2026 Harrison County Commissioner meeting schedule as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a public official bond for county clerk, Debbie Dennison. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the bond. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The final item was a request for two auditor's office employees to carry over unused vacation time into 2026. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow the chief deputy auditor and accounts payable supervisor to carry unused vacation time into 2026. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

  
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Nelson Stepro, Commissioner

  
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Annissa Kellum, Commissioner

  
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Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

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Sara Burdick, County Auditor