

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, July 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
Annissa Kellum, Commissioner
Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

Chris Byrd, County Attorney
Chad Shireman, County Administrator

County commissioner Nelson Stepro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all three commissioners and county attorney Chris Byrd present. County auditor Sara Burdick was absent due to attending a conference in Indianapolis. 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 payment to vendor #10901, Nexterra, in the amount of \$5,288.50 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 approve payment to vendor #5718, L&W Emergency Equipment, in the amount of \$9,470.34 once funding is in place. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve payment to the following vendors: #201 Boone Township Fire District, #1712 Harrison Township Fire District, #804 Heth-Washington Township Fire District, #5983 Posey-Taylor Township Fire District, #398 Palmyra Fire District, #807 Webster Township Fire District, #4643 Whiskey Run Fire District, #199 Blue River Township Trustee, and #266 Franklin Township Trustee, in the amount of \$35,000.00 each once contracts are completed and on file in the auditor's office. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County resident Mike Kissel came before the commissioners with a request to name a county road. Mr. Kissel said he and his wife live off Pfrimmers Chapel Road on a county road that is currently unnamed, making it difficult for delivery services and others to find their location. A request to name the county road Kissel Drive was made. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Plan commission director Chris Kincade came before the commissioners with multiple action items. The first was a change of zone request from UF to R-1 by applicant Gwendolyn Woertz.

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Mr. Kincade said the plan commission forwarded the request with a recommendation of approval. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve docket 841, along with Ordinance 2025-09 for the change of zoning. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next request was for a planned development made by applicant Ryan Stonecipher. Mr. Kincade said this request was forwarded with a recommendation of denial. The commissioners cited the concern of the proposal including a private drive instead of a public road. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The last item from the plan commission was an additional appropriation request for permitting software. Mr. Kincade said he has obtained quotes from three different vendors, with the lowest being iWorks in the amount of \$15,700.00. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Highway superintendent Glen Bube came before the commissioners to present the highway department agenda. The first items pertained to new bridge #170 on Smith Creek Road. Mr. Bube asked for a motion to allow commissioner Stepro to sign the statements of basis of just compensation for the project. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow commissioner Stepro to sign the right-of-way offers as requested. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item pertaining to the same project was a funding request in the amount of \$45,000.00 from the cumulative bridge fund for the right-of-way acquisitions. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward the request to the county council. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Superintendent Bube said the next request was for the PE phase of the New Middletown-Elizabeth Road project. An additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,800,000.00 is being requested out of the county share of riverboat fund. A representative of the highway department will report the actual cost of the project prior to the council voting on the request at their August 11, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The final items on the highway department agenda were for personnel issues. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve Eric Bolen as the new brush crew coordinator. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve Ross Anderson as the new foreman in district 2, with an effective starting date of August 8, 2025. 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 approve hiring Larry Hedden as a large equipment operator in district 1. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve a request for leave without pay by Michael Dunaway. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro said the next order of business would be meeting minutes for the commissioners' review. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the July 7, 2025 meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro introduced an ordinance establishing a department of redevelopment and a redevelopment commission for Harrison County. First, commissioner Wiseman made a motion to suspend the rule, allowing the commissioners to introduce and vote on the ordinance in one meeting.

Then commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-10 as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County administrator Chad Shireman had multiple action items for the commissioners. The first was a spay and neuter contract for animal control with Dr. Marie Gagnon. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

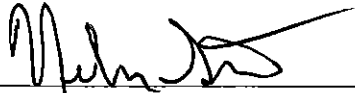
The next items were riverboat additional appropriation requests for infrastructure in the amount of \$5,9434.92 and revenue sharing in the amount of \$152,612.11. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward the requests to the county council. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Shireman presented the commissioners' 2026 budget requests and asked for a motion for commissioner Stepro to sign the form to be submitted to the county auditor's office. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the budget request and allow commissioner Stepro to sign the document on the commissioners' behalf. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

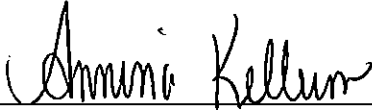
The last item was riverboat agreements for fire protection to the following taxing units: Boone Township Fire District, Harrison Township Fire District, Heth-Washington Township Fire District, Posey-Taylor Township Fire District, Palmyra Fire District, Webster Township Fire District, Whiskey Run Fire District, Blue River Township Trustee, and Franklin Township Trustee. Each agreement was in the amount of \$35,000.00 to supplement the entities in their county fire protection efforts. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the agreements as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



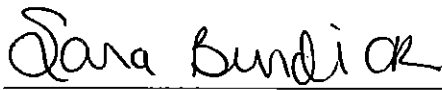
Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annessa Kellum, Commissioner

Absent

Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor