

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Tuesday, July 21, 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

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 present. County attorney Chris Byrd was absent. 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 \$1,545.97 to vendor #624, Corydon Chemical, upon further review by the department. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve a flagged claim in the amount of \$577.43 to vendor #624, Corydon Chemical, upon further review by the department. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve a flagged claim in the amount of \$11,753.37 to vendor #2691, Sysco Inc, upon further review by the department. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve a flagged claim in the amount of \$6,745.50 to vendor #2691, Sysco Inc, upon further review by the department. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve a flagged claim in the amount of \$85,494.00 to vendor #6968, Utility Associates, upon further review by the department. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next order of business was sealed bids advertised to be opened at this meeting. The first bid package was for asphalt contract 2026-2. Bids were received from C&R Construction in the amount of \$246,673.50, E&B Paving in the amount of \$250,271.55, and MAC Construction in the amount of \$316,130.55. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The second bid package was for new Harrison County Bridge #170 on Smith Creek Road. Bids were received from American Contracting in the amount of \$825,682.00, C&R Construction in the amount of \$637,517.00, E&B Paving in the amount of \$623,000.00, EZ Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$773,271.09, Libs Paving in the amount of \$675,512.00, Temple & Temple in the amount of \$587,200.00, and Transamerica Railroad Consulting in the amount of \$513,852.00. Commissioner Kellum made a motion

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to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County resident Steve Powell came before the commissioners to discuss concerns about data centers, including electrical grid upgrades, evaporation cooling restrictions, no tax abatements, a fund for remediation, solar panel requirements for warehouses, and noise impact assessments. Commissioner Stepro noted that a resolution for a moratorium on data centers was on the commissioners' agenda. Mr. Powell thanked the commissioners for their consideration and left a copy of his outline for those interested.

Plan commission director Chris Kincade came before the commissioners with multiple change of zoning requests. The first request was from Ora Yates, changing the property from R-1 suburban residential to A-R agricultural residential. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt ordinance 2026-08 for the change of zoning request. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next two change of zoning requests were from Mansen and Deborah Way. One request would change property from B-2 business to I-1A industrial, and the other request would change property from A-R agricultural residential to I-1A industrial. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt ordinance 2026-09 and ordinance 2026-10 for the change of zoning requests. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Kincade presented a major plat of Collins Pointe changing a single lot located on Greene Street in Palmyra. The proposal would convert a single existing parcel into five lots. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the major plat as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Under personnel issues, county auditor Sara Burdick presented a leave without pay request from the treasurer's office. The request would be for periodic time off from August of 2026 through January of 2027. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the leave without pay request, with the stipulation that any paid time off be exhausted first. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Commissioner Stepro abstained.

Commissioner Stepro said the next order of business would be a resolution for a moratorium on data center projects. The moratorium would be in effect for a period not to exceed twelve months, allowing the County to establish local zoning ordinances pertaining to data center developments. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt resolution 2026-08 as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was the ratification of a time-sensitive application for the animal control department to apply for replacement of a stolen license plate. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to ratify commissioner Stepro's signature on the application. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next order of business was an amended emergency callback policy for the commissioners' consideration. The amendment provided more specific clarification that the policy should apply to weather-related emergencies which cannot wait until regularly scheduled working hours. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adopt the amended emergency call back policy as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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Auditor Burdick presented the June monthly reports for the county clerk, treasurer and auditor. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to acknowledge receipt of all three reports. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The order of business was an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for capital outlays in the commissioner budget in the county share of riverboat fund. The requested funding would go toward the purchase of property located at 900 Highway 62 NW, Corydon, IN 47112. 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.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple action items. The first item was asphalt contract 2026-2. Mr. Russel said he reviewed all bids and everything was in order. Funding was already in place, so he recommended the commissioners award the bid to the lowest bidder, C&R Construction. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to award asphalt contract 2026-2 as recommended. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was the bids for new Harrison County bridge #170 on Smith Creek Road. Mr. Russel said he would take some additional time to review information. The county council is scheduled to vote on funding at their next meeting. Assuming funding is awarded, the commissioners could officially award this bid at their next scheduled meeting.

The next item pertained to the fiscal year 2027 community crossings matching grant program, with applications opening on September 1, 2026. Mr. Russel said we received our first lane mile distribution in the amount of \$499,671.76 on June 30, 2026. This leaves a remaining balance of \$500,328.24 that could be requested in the application portion of the program. He will be preparing an application for a paving project for this application.

The next item was change order #1 for the Harrison County bridge #25 project on New Middletown Road. Mr. Russel said this is a zero-dollar change order related to contract milestones. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve change order #1 as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was INDOT's report of final inspection and recommendation for acceptance for Harrison County bridge #5752 on Old Highway 337. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to sign the form as requested. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item on the engineer's agenda was discussion about purchasing a new brine maker for the department. The existing equipment would need costly repairs and only works with untreated salt. The new equipment being proposed to replace it would allow for use of treated salt. Mr. Russel requested that the commissioners consider a request for \$149,990.82 out of the motor vehicle highway fund. Commissioner 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 was for the Bradford Road reconstruction project at the intersection of New Cut Road. Mr. Russel said the council approved funding for the project. He requested that the commissioners consider approving a contract with Clark Dietz. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve, and allow commissioner Stepro to sign, the contract as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was an update on the Corydon Ramsey Road, Hospital Drive, and Pacer Drive flashing red light project. He said Midwestern Electric, LLC was the low bidder with a bid of \$363,908.19. The invoice

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from INDOT for the County's match is in the amount of \$36,390.82 for construction. The county council is scheduled to vote on funding at their next meeting.

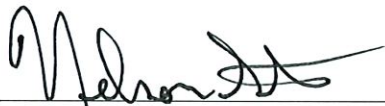
The next item on the engineer's agenda pertained to salt purchases. He explained difficulties related to shortages throughout the State and wanted to ensure the department did their best to obtain plenty of inventory ahead of inclement weather. County attorney Chris Byrd had drafted an emergency declaration, and the department has now sourced 1,000 tons of treated salt to be purchased from the local road & street fund. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the emergency declaration. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum also made a motion to forward an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$165,500.00 for salt in the local road & street fund. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The final item was a leave without pay request through September 1, 2026 for an employee on workers' compensation leave. 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 administrator Chad Shireman presented a request to the Harrison County Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the purchase of property located at 900 Highway 62 NW, Corydon, IN 47112. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow commissioner Stepro to sign the community fund request form as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 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: 
Sara Burdick, County Auditor