

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, June 15, 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 7:05 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 \$1,241.67 to vendor #21142, ProMedia Group, once funding is in place. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Health administrator Jennifer Caffrey came before the commissioners with additional appropriations for grant funds totaling \$63,746.55. 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.

Ms. Caffrey said she also had some changes to the Health First Indiana funding. She said Harrison County was initially awarded \$207,358.58 and her current 2026 budget reflects that total. However, one county opted out of the State funding and an additional \$2,838.10 was allocated to Harrison County. Jennifer Caffrey stated that she would need to get the additional funds appropriated and would also be seeking approval for transfers to change the allocations amongst expenditure accounts within the grant fund. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the request to the county council as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County administrator Chad Shireman presented an emergency declaration and travel restriction stemming from recent flooding in Lanesville and Corydon on June 9, 2026. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to ratify the commissioners' signatures on the two documents. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Parks superintendent Larry Shickles came before the commissioners with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$57,600.00 for equipment in the county share of riverboat fund. Mr. Shickles said the funding would be used to purchase a new skid steer. He noted that the trade-in value of their existing machine is included in the final cost. 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.

Animal control director Rustie Timberlake came before the commissioners to provide an update on the spay & neuter clinic, which has spayed and neutered 170 animals thus far. She explained that appointments are currently being scheduled for about a month out. The clinic has turned away several people from outside

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the county. Ms. Timberlake said that if they can service the needs of the county and get to a point where future appointments are no longer full, they may have an opportunity to consider providing services to non-county residents as well.

Debra Atkins of the Town of Palmyra came before the commissioners with a funding request to update the Town's water and sewer infrastructure. The total project cost is \$97,000.00 with a CDBG grant request of \$79,000.00. The commissioners explained that the County has current financial obligations and capital commitments, including a \$19 million justice center renovation project. They were also fearful that providing funding to the Town of Palmyra may set a precedence, encouraging other municipalities to seek funding from the County as well. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to deny the funding request and to draft a letter of support for the Town's grant application. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Plan commission director Chris Kincade came before the commissioners with change of zoning requests for a planned unit development. The applicant was Blue River Services, Incorporated. Mr. Kincade noted there were two conditions stipulated with the approval: the Town of Palmyra must vacate the alleys in the planned unit area and there must be a letter of approval stating that the Town can provide water and sewer services. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt ordinance 2026-07 covering the change of zoning requests, contingent upon the outlined conditions being met. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro said there were also three minor plats for the commissioners' consideration. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve Davis minor plat A, Davis minor plat B and the Board minor plat as presented. 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 a change order for the 2026-1 resurfacing contract in the amount of \$5,614.36. Mr. Russel noted that this was due to rising costs of materials. The project would have otherwise come in under budget. 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 a change order for the Old Highway 111 federal aid PM overlay project in the amount of \$93,218.79. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve change order #2 as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was on-call service agreements with Prime AE. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow Kevin Russel to sign the following: task order #2 in the amount of \$116,900.00 related to a section of Old Highway 337 near the intersection of Shiloh Road, task order #3 in the amount of \$96,200.00 related to a section of Old Highway 337 near the intersection of S. Pleasant Road, task order #4 in the amount of \$141,600.00 related to a section of Old Highway 337 near the intersection of St. Michaels Road, and task order #5 in the amount of \$87,400.00 related to a section of Shiloh Road near the intersection of Pleasant Road. It was noted that Mr. Russel signing task order #4 is subject to the county council approving funding for the project. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a proposal from Clark Dietz pertaining to the reconstruction of Bradford Road at New Cut Road. Mr. Russel requested that the council consider sending an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$155,500.00 from the motor vehicle highway restricted fund. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward the funding request to the county council as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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The next item pertained to storm damage on Lieber Hausz Road. Mr. Russel said the highway department would be looking to have some patch work done. He requested the commissioners to allow them to approve work that may exceed annual quote amounts in order to have the emergency repairs completed. Commissioner Kellum approved the request as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The remaining items on the engineer's agenda pertained to personnel issues. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve David Greer moving to the position of garage mechanic with an effective date of June 15, 2026. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to hire Jess Beasley for the brush crew. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Sara Burdick presented a leave without pay request for an extension office employee who is awaiting approval for FMLA leave. 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.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the county treasurer and county clerk monthly reports for May. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Auditor Burdick then presented memorandums of understanding with the school cooperations for school resource officers. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the memorandums of understanding. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro said there were multiple time-sensitive documents that would need to be ratified. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to ratify commissioner Stepro's signature on pay request 1 and pay request 2 for the justice center renovation project. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to ratify commissioner Stepro's signature on a fire suppression application with Brown Sprinkler Corporation. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to ratify commissioner Stepro's signature on a letter of support for the research into the integrity and study of the Alice Dean steamship. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Jennifer Caffrey presented an amended three-year grant agreement with the Indiana Department of Health. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the amended grant agreement. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a contract for the county clerk with Malcon Indiana for monthly title IV-D consulting services. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the contract as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to accept and approve proposal request 3A for the justice center renovation project pertaining to removal, replacement and upgrade of a door in the elevator equipment room in the amount of \$3,927.99. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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Commissioner Stepro presented an emergency declaration for flood repairs at the downtown courthouse building. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt and sign resolution 2026-07. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro said two quotes had been obtained from contractors to do the courthouse repairs. The first was from Justin Taborn's Construction LLC in the amount of \$483,600.00. The second was from Shireman Construction in the amount of \$468,833.98. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to accept the lower quote from Shireman Construction. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Administrator Shireman said flagged claims for fire protection had been approved at the March 2, 2026 commissioner meeting. A motion was also made to sign the agreements outside of a meeting. Due to the amount of time that had passed, he requested a new motion to approve and sign the agreements that have been updated to include the current commissioner meeting date of June 15, 2026. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the updated fire protection agreements disbursing \$35,000.00 to each of the county's fire protection agencies. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign proposal request #3B for the justice center renovation project in relation to patching and painting the concrete ceilings throughout the detention area. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign proposal request #4 for the justice center project pertaining to the replacement of existing conduits. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

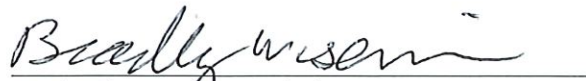
Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor