

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, March 2, 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
Annisia 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 7:04 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 Wiseman made a motion to approve all regular claims 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 payroll and prepaid vouchers as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Chief probation officer Sheila Tempel provided an annual report on the community corrections program. The program uses intensive supervision, home incarceration, and SCRAM bracelets for alcohol monitoring. In 2025, the program had 313 participants, up about 10% from the previous year. A grant from the Indiana Department of Corrections of over \$271,000.00 was received last year, with the same grant awarded for this year. An additional \$138,523.00 is also utilized out of the project income fund, with no tax dollars being used for the program's operations.

Blue River Services transportation director Roland Lemus came before the commissioners seeking approval for a \$151,241.51 grant for the 5311 rural transit fourth quarterly claim of 2025. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Plan commissioner director Chris Kincade came before the commissioners with two action items. The first was a change of zoning request from R-1 (Suburban Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential with Single Family Overlay) by Chase Murphy Enterprise. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 as requested. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next request was to amend the existing zoning ordinance regarding Section 406.07 Prohibited Signs. The change would allow for LED signs that's content does not rotate more than once every 24 hours.

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Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 as requested. 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 the approval of the 2026 polling location list, which includes five polling locations moving to the Corydon Central High School.

Nate Adams, the Democratic member of the county election board, spoke in opposition of the move, citing concerns about overcrowding and accessibility. Commissioner Stepro acknowledged Mr. Adams' concerns but expressed his belief in supporting the full election board's recommendation. He also noted that a non-presidential election year would serve as a good test of the changes, with the possibility to address any major issues in 2028. Commissioner Wiseman took the time to thank all the election workers prior to making a motion to approve the polling location list 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 February 17, 2026 commissioner meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Sara Burdick presented a sales tax policy for the commissioners' consideration. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the sales tax policy 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 month reports for January. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Sara Burdick presented a bond for the county council for the commissioners' approval and signatures. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the bond for the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro said an interlocal agreement would need to be drafted between Harrison County and Washington County concerning the housing of inmates. Harrison County attorney Chris Byrd and Washington County attorney April Geltmaker both work for Church, Langdon, Lopp & Banet Law. Prior to an interlocal agreement between the two counties, a conflict-of-interest waiver and consent would be needed. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the conflict-of-interest waiver and consent. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro announced that the commissioners would be attending Purdue Road School beginning on March 16, 2026, and ending on March 18, 2026. As a result, the commissioners' next regularly scheduled meeting will be moved to Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

County administrator Chad Shireman presented additional appropriations for riverboat infrastructure in the amount of \$10,662.72 and riverboat revenue sharing in the amount of \$198,021.96. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the requests to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Shireman said he had updated the \$35,000.00 annual agreements for fire protection that were approved as flagged claims earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the agreements outside of the meeting. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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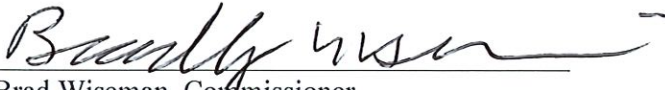
Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor