

Commissioners Meeting August 5, 2025

Present: Jim Seiler, Mac Webb, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, and Attorney Joshua Claybourn

Property Management Hearing / Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 2:30 P.M.

704 W SR 45, Rockport Indiana Owner: Justin & Chelsa Freeman
Case# 2502-1

Freeman appeared and requested additional time to complete cleanup. Property was re-inspected with some progress.

Webb motioned to approve a two (2) week extension, and if still in violation, will get quotes to finalize cleanup. If the work is done, then the follow-up meeting will be canceled. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Johnson Street, Hatfield, Indiana Owner: 1244 N Johnson Street Land Trust
Case# 2506-1

Bid opening: One (1) bid received. Redline Landworks LLC \$650.

Gries motioned to approve the bid. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webb motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Commissioner's Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioner's Meeting dated July 15, 2025. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

Webb made a motion to approve claims as presented. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

Nothing to report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech provided an update regarding the four (4) exterior cameras that were damaged from a lightning strike. All cameras are in the process of being repaired.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney

Bridge 42 at Bullettown Road and 200 N, is still shut down and will be for another month.

All the Community Crossing platform projects are done. They are working on chip and seal overlays and double chips.

The project at Fourth Street and Brewery Street in St. Meinrad should start at the end of the week.

Courthouse Events

The Court is asking for approval to close the Courthouse from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. for the Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. **Webb motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mark Phillips with Bethel Christian Center is requesting to use the Courthouse Lawn for the Annual See You At The Pole event. It is scheduled for September 24, 2025, from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. They have provided the insurance liability certificate. **Webb motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report

Claybourn is working through Public Records Requests and has been sending litigation updates as they become available.

Old Business

Gries discussed the strategic plan for Economic Development. **Gries motioned to approve the strategic plan with adjustments being made. Webb seconded the motion. Seiler opposed. Motion carried 2-1.**

New Business

Jesse Summers reached out to request a temporary road closure for an event. The Lamar Town Fest is scheduled for August 23, 2025. Requesting road closure from the west side of State Highway 245 extending approximately 100 feet westward. This is located at Runyon Street in the Town of Lamar. Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 10 P.M. **Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Webb motioned to move VSO Chris Morrison from part time to full time. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Gries motioned to appoint Cathy Kirkpatrick to the Solid Waste Board. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. This is the replacement for Darrell Wilson.

Webb motioned to appoint Johnny Meredith as the Maintenance Assistant as needed. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.




President



VSO

Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Webb