

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, May 19, 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
Annis Kellum, Commissioner
Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

Chris Byrd, County Attorney
Chad Shireman, County Auditor

County commissioner Nelson Stepro called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 payment to vendor #20461, GovConnections, in the amount of \$31,972.16 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 #8249, Flock Safety, in the amount of \$32,035.62 once funding is in place. Commissioner Crawford seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Julie Moorman, President & CEO of the Harrison County Community Foundation, came before the commissioners with an update on the town planning initiative. Mrs. Moorman said the initiative had received an award from the American Planning Association for an outstanding comprehensive plan and presented a plaque to the commissioners for the award. She noted that this was part of the Lilly Endowment's GIFT VII initiative, receiving funding from the Foundation.

Harrison County Community Foundation CFO Derrick Grigsby was in attendance to provide a quarterly investment update. Mr. Grigsby said the COVID-19 loan program that provided interest-free loans to small businesses impacted by the pandemic had now been closed, with final repayments being received by the Foundation. He also reported on the community fund's performance, with a year-to-date return of 3.4, bringing the balance to approximately \$188,600,000.00.

Darrell Voelker of the Harrison County Economic Development Corporation said the EDC has contracted with RJL Solutions for interim management, strategic planning, and executive selection upon his retirement. His last day will be May 30, 2025.

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Rachel Leslie and Ryan Ritchie of RJL Solutions introduced themselves, expressing their excitement to work with the commissioners and economic development corporation.

Transportation director Roland Lemus came before the commissioners with the quarterly claim for Blue River Services' 5311 Rural Transit grant. Clarification was provided on one of the claims, noting that Eddie Gilstrap was doing business as Quick Lane for vehicle maintenance. With that information being provided, commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the claim and allow president Nelson Stepro to sign the document. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Stephanie Clark of the US Small Business Administration thanked the commissioners for hosting the disaster outreach center. She also provided a reminder that SBA physical damage and economic injury disaster loans are still available for those affected by the March 15, 2025 severe storms and tornadoes. Ms. Clark encouraged those impacted to apply before the application deadlines to ensure access to funds.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple items. Mr. Russel said funding for the 2026-2029 bridge inspections, the Bridge #37 & Bridge #75 rehabilitation project, and Bridge #81 federal aid project were all set to be voted on at the next council meeting. Pending funding, he noted the commissioners could plan to sign the accompanying contract and task orders at their June 2, 2025 meeting.

The next item was a request to ratify signing the cover sheet for plans on the Bridge #25 project on Corydon New Middletown Road. Mr. Russel added that the highway department should be receiving a proposal soon from DLZ for the CE phase of the project. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to ratify the signature. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Kevin Russel said the commissioners should consider sending an additional appropriation request for the CE Phase of this project to the council in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the cumulative bridge fund. 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.

The next item on the engineer's agenda was the annual operations report for the commissioners' review. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the operations report as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Russel announced the award of \$7,385,600 for the New Middletown Road project. He said the project will go through an RFP process for professional engineering, even though it is funded entirely by local funds.

Kevin Russel said he submitted the RFP for CE on the Corydon Ramsey Road/Hospital Drive/Pacer Drive flashing red signal project, noting that LOI's are due at noon on June 13, 2025.

The county engineered continued with a proposal from USI Consultants for Corydon Ridge Road. He stated the project had an estimated cost of \$188,500.00, with a request for funding needing to

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be made from the county council out of the motor vehicle highway fund. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$188,500.00 to the county council. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Russel requested approval to sign two INDOT LPA contracts for the construction phase of the Old Highway 111 overlay and Bridge #6671 projects. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow Kevin to sign the contracts on the commissioners' behalf. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a request for funding for the 2025 polymer bridge deck overlay project. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$260,000.00 from the cumulative bridge fund to the county council. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Russel discussed the need for a county drainage board meeting to address issues on Elk Hollow Road. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to set a drainage board meeting for June 2, 2025 at 6:45 PM. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The final item on the county engineer's agenda was a credit application form Green Hat Supply for the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the signing of the credit application as requested. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

EMA direction Mike Kurz came before the commissioners to announce a safety program he was working on with the county schools. Mr. Kurz said they were applying for a grant to help support funding and said memorandums of understanding would need to be entered into between the county and the three school corporations. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the MOUs outside of a meeting. 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 May 5, 2025 commissioner meeting minutes 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 May 16, 2025 commissioner special meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Chad Shireman had multiple items for the commissioners' consideration. The first item was school resource officer memorandums of understanding for the North and South Harrison Community School Corporations. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the SRO MOUs and allow commissioner president Nelson Stepro to sign them. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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The next item was interlocal agreements for the townships in the county. Auditor Shireman stated that these were for annual disbursements totaling \$110,000.00 from the county share of riverboat fund. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the interlocal agreements. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.


The final item was infrastructure and revenue sharing additional appropriation requests. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward additional appropriation requests as follows: \$\$8,221.72 for infrastructure and \$211,415.64 for revenue sharing. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro introduced Ordinance 2025-05 amending the recently adopted animal control ordinance. He noted that copies could be obtained by request, with the commissioners planning to formally adopt the amended ordinance at their next regular meeting on June 2, 2025.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 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