

Commissioners Meeting September 16, 2025

Present: Mac Webb, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, and Attorney Joshua Claybourn Not Present: Jim Seiler

Property Management Hearing / Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Gries at 2:45 P.M.

940 N State Road 161, Reo Indiana Owner: Nidhipkumar Patel
Case# 2508-1

The property owner received written notification to remove and properly dispose of the trash and/or junk as well as cut and/or remove weeds and he has not complied. The property owner was present at the hearing. He is asking for an extension.

Webb motioned to allow an extension of two (2) weeks. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3040 W State Road 66, Reo Indiana Owner: Nidhipkumar Patel
Case# 2505-2

The property owner received written notification to remove and properly dispose of the trash and/or junk as well as cut and/or remove weeds and he has not complied. The property owner was present at the hearing. He is asking for an extension.

Webb motioned to allow an extension of two (2) weeks. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Winkler notified the property owner that a third property located on the corner was starting to grow and he needed to make sure it stays within compliance. He understood.

Webb motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

Commissioner's Meeting

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

Minutes

Webb made a motion to approve the minutes dated September 2, 2025. Gries 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

"Nursing Update" for August 2025:

There were fifty-seven (57) vaccines provided.

"Retail Food Establishment Inspection Report" for August 2025

There were two (2) Food Licenses issued. (Mobile)

There were twenty (20) inspections completed.

"Environmental Health" for August 2025

There were five (5) New Residential On Site Permits issued.

There was one (1) complaint. (Trash)

Building Inspector / Greg Sermersheim

"County Inspection Report for August 2025" - Total Inspections:

Five (5) Footers	Three (3) Post Hole	Zero (0) Foundations
Six (6) Framing	Zero (0) Underground Plumbing	Zero (0) Concrete
Six (6) R.I. Electric	Six (6) R.I. Plumbing	Six (6) R.I. HVAC
Zero (0) General	Eight (8) Electric Meter	One (1) Gas
One (1) Final	Six (6) Electric	Zero (0) Cell Tower
Zero (0) Firewall	One (1) Basement Walls	One (1) Solar
Zero (0) Elec Generator	Zero (0) Tie Down (mobile or modular)	
Zero (0) Underpinning Mobile Home		
Twelve (12) On-site Septic		

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech provided a Monthly Intake Summary. As of August 14, 2025, the Spencer County Jail is housing fifty-nine (59) inmates. Anything over sixty-two (62) is considered over capacity.

Planning Commission / Kay Erwin

August 2025 Permits issued:	
Residential (3) \$1,250,000	Accessory Buildings (4) \$262,000
Addition / Remodel (3) \$141,344	Cell Tower (0) \$0
Duplex (0) \$0	

Totals for 2025:	
Residential: \$8,962,126	Accessory Buildings: \$262,000
Addition / Remodel: \$141,344	Cell Tower (2) \$270,000
Duplex: \$1,200,000	

Highway Department / Dale Kenney

Kenney discussed the need for a designated speed limit on gravel roads. He recommends 30 MPH. After discussion, the Commissioners have asked Claybourn to review the codes and draft an ordinance for review at the next meeting.

HWC Engineering provided an on-call engineering agreement. **Webb motioned to accept the agreement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Burn Ban

Effective September 9, 2025, Spencer County started a burn ban. The burn ban is still in effect and will remain in force until rescinded by the Spencer County Commissioners.

Midwest Telecom / David Shipley

Shipley provided updates on the phone project. All new service telephones have been installed and are operational. The was discussion about AT&T providing services for ethernet on demand with optional internet offload.

Prosecutor's Office / Megan Bennet

Bennet begins maternity leave soon. If a jury trial happens while she is gone, she is asking for a Prosecutor to be paid and hourly rate to cover her. It is already budgeted for this year. **Webb motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

EMA / Stephanie Melton

Unable to attend. No Report.

Events

St. Bernards PTO is again looking to host a Walk-a-thon fundraiser on Friday, October 3, 2025, at approximately 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. with all students. They are asking for use of the courthouse lawn for student activities. **Webb motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Gary Shoemaker is asking for a road closure from 900 to Bennet Street, from Old 66 Cemetery to 850 W, and Intersection at 100 and 900 for a car show and concert being sponsored by **A Better Hatfield**. This event will be held on September 27, 2025, and the road closure is requested from 8:00 A.M. to 11 P.M. **Webb motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report

Gries asked about procedures for requesting legal help with department heads. Claybourn is going to draft a policy and bring it to next meeting.

Old Business

Webb discussed the credit card policy. There were four (4) departments asking for credit cards. **Webb motioned to proceed with getting the credit cards. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

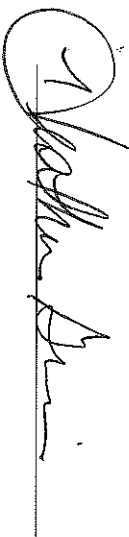
New Business

Webb motioned to approve paying the Midwest Telecom invoice of \$20,800 out of the COVID fund 1000-43300-0068. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webb motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 P.M.



President



Secretary

Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Treasurer