

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:05p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski, John Purdie, and Dennis Combs. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Waltz was absent. Councilman Purdie offered the opening prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Wheel Tax

Adam Stone with Stone Municipal Group is here to explain Senate Enrolled Act 179 and its impact on Wheel Tax to Councilmembers. Mr. Stone shares that originally municipalities were required to adopt a Wheel Tax Ordinance in order to qualify for CCMG. However, that is no longer the case although it is required in order to be eligible for the lane mile grant dollars for road repairs. Mr. Stone also shares that it was previously thought that if a Town adopted a Wheel Tax Ordinance that the fees would be stacked. However, now if a Town adopts its own Ordinance and people pay locally, they will not pay to the county. It is not an added tax. It is either/or. If the Town adopts a fee lower than what the county has, we will receive less money. Mr. Stone also says the Town has the option to do nothing right now and adopt a Wheel Tax Ordinance next year. He states the statute is unclear today and will probably be changed or cleaned up during the next legislative season. Council discusses various options as far as the fees because there is a range of potential fees to adopt. Councilmembers do not want local taxpayers to pay more than what they are currently paying. However, they do note that we should maximize future grant opportunities. Councilman Purdie moves to approve Ordinance 2026-04 with Wheel Tax rates equal to what the county is currently charging, as will be double-checked by Town Attorney Lee Robbins, and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

MUST Meeting

Council President John Perrin asks Adam Stone if he received the email he sent about the countywide MUST meeting. Mr. Stone states that he did receive it. Council President Perrin notes that Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss must go to the meeting and we are trying to understand what we are supposed to present at the meeting as there has not been much input to the Council regarding what is required. Mr. Stone explains that all Clerk-Treasurers in all the counties are being asked to attend these meetings, which are a county requirement. This year's meetings are a county requirement, not a town requirement. Anything discussed is not binding at this time. Any agreements have to be unanimous. Mr. Stone encourages the Town to attend the meeting and take notes of the different scenarios presented.

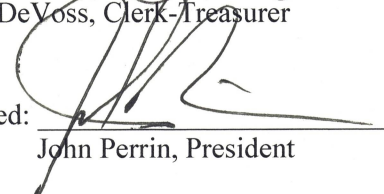
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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President