

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, June 2, 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 7:01 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.

President of the County Park Board, Scott Fluhr, came before the commissioners with a letter to be sent to our Congresswoman, State Senator, and State Representative in support of the preservation of the Alice Dean ship in the Ohio River. The letter also requests assistance in adding the wreck to the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Fluhr noted the importance of recognizing the historical site but noted that the parks department and county government were not equipped to fund the project. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow commissioner president Nelson Stepro to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Health department administrator Jennifer Caffrey came before the commissioners to present the Harrison County Health Department's 2024 annual report. Ms. Caffrey noted the appointment of Dr. Lisa Clunie as the health officer, along with several new board members during the year. She said the department issued 186 septic tank permits and conducted 366 septic inspections. Jennifer Caffrey said there were 21 pool inspections, 4 inspections of potential meth labs, and 343 regular food inspections conducted for the year. She ended her presentation by highlighting the success of the county-funded CPR program, which provided 885 heart saver classes and 132 doses of Narcan.

Parks' superintendent Larry Shickles came before the commissioners with two additional appropriation requests. The first request was in the amount of \$76,871.00 for a new service truck that would replace the department's 1992 and 2013 trucks due to mechanical issues. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the funding request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next funding request was in the amount of \$17,900.00 to replace an ADA-accessible sidewalk at the Battle Park. Mr. Shickles noted the importance of ADA compliance for receiving federal

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funds. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward the request for the council's consideration. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County resident Clarence Merk came before the commissioners to discuss the Alice Dean wreck and its historical significance. Mr. Merk provided supporting documentation from various state and federal agencies confirming the wreck's historical value. He also emphasized the need for phase one research to map the site and meet National Register requirements.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple items. His first order of business was a 2026-2029 bridge inspections contract with SJCA, Inc. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a task order with United Consulting for the Bridge #37 and Bridge #75 rehabilitation project. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the task order. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Next was a fee proposal from DLZ for Bridge #25 on Corydon New Middletown Road for the commissioners' review. Mr. Russel said the council would be voting on a funding request at their next meeting. Pending council approval of funding and INDOT's review of the contract, the highway department will plan to present the contract for approval at the next commissioner meeting.

The next item was for the PE and right-of-way phase of the New Middletown Elizabeth Road project. Mr. Russel said the RFP was advertised on May 23, 2025, with letters of intent due by June 13, 2025.

A similar update was provided for the CE phase of the Corydon Ramsey Road, Hospital Drive, and Pacer Drive flashing red signal project. The RFP was advertised May 16, 2025, with letters of intent being due at noon on June 13, 2025.

Mr. Russel announced that the council would be voting on a funding request for the Corydon Ridge Road project at their next meeting. Pending council approval, the highway department would plan to present the contract with USI at the next commissioner meeting.

The next item was a credit application with Beard Equipment Company. Highway superintendent Glen Bube said this would allow the department to continue working with the vendor under a new name after they had been acquired. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the credit application, pending the county attorney's review. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The final item was discussion for the purchase of three new highway trucks. Glen Bube presented multiple options for the commissioners' consideration. He presented total values for the chassis, complete upfitting costs, pricing for reusing existing beds the highway department currently had, pricing for new beds, and options for snowplows and spreader boxes. Commissioner Wiseman

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made a motion to forward the request to the county council, allowing them to choose which option they preferred for funding. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Chad Shireman presented multiple items for the commissioners' consideration. The first was a funding request in the amount of \$75,790.00 to replace the water softener at the justice center. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a contract with Volta for E911 dispatch. Auditor Shireman noted the council had approved funding at their most recent meeting. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow commissioner Stepro to sign the contract. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$11,568.65 for asset repair in the commissioners' budget in the county share of riverboat fund. The amount reflected an insurance claim check received for additional hail damage at 247 Atwood Street. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the funding request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was an annual surety bond in the amount of \$15,000.00 for highway superintendent Glen Bube. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the surety bond. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-05 updating the county's comprehensive plan. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was a request for leave without pay request from the highway department. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the LWOP request for Mike Dunaway. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to ratify commissioner Stepro's signature on a contract with Crossroad's GIS. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to ratify commissioner Stepro's signature on a certified letter to Rumpke to end trash collection services. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

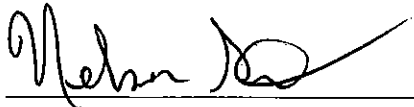
The next item was a solar power ordinance for the commissioners' consideration. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-06. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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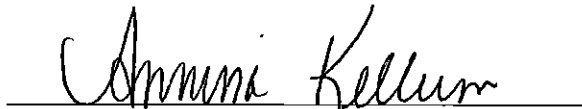
The final action item was Ordinance 2025-05, which amended the recently approved animal control ordinance. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adopt the animal control ordinance. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County resident Matthew Adams spoke about the need for the County to make local ordinances and resolutions more accessible to the public. Commissioner Stepro said this was currently being worked on, with plans to digitize the ordinances and resolutions so they could be made available on the newly updated county website.

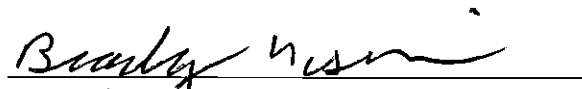
Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



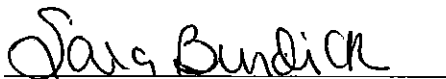
Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor