

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, July 7, 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
Sara Burdick, County Auditor
Chad Shireman, County Administrator

County commissioner Nelson Stepro called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 #585, Bennett & Bennett Insurance, in the amount of \$546,279.20 once a departmentalized breakdown is provided to the auditor's office. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to disallow payment to vendor #8389, Modilite Systems, in the amount of \$1,503.50 due to funding not being available in the account. The department has been notified and will be submitting a corrected claim. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve payment to vendor #7707, Reach Media Network, in the amount of \$99.00 once funding is in place. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Janelle Amy introduced herself as the new mission advancement and development director of the YMCA of Harrison County. She provided an overview of the YMCA's community impact, including monthly check-ins and total membership numbers. Ms. Amy also discussed program expansions, such as swim lessons, lifeguard certifications, and the Splash and Burn program for first responders. The organization provides programs to teach third graders to swim, youth sports, and specialty offerings for individuals for Parkinson's and other needs. Ms. Amy concluded her presentation with information on their chaplain services, little free library, blood drives, and the YMCA's participation in the Corydon Farmers' Market promoting healthy eating habits for children.

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County auditor Sara Burdick presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$4,000.00 for longevity in the health department budget. She said this was to pay out the longevity for an employee that will be retiring later in the year. 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.

County sheriff Nick Smith came before the commissioners with multiple additional appropriation requests. The first two were in the amount of \$50,000.00 each, both for overtime pay. Sheriff Smith explained that overtime costs had increased over the years due to increased festival activities and also made reference to a murder case in 2025. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward the requests to the county council. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The last additional appropriation request from the sheriff was to re-appropriate funds that the county will be receiving from the insurance carrier on two patrol vehicles that had been totaled. Sheriff Smith said this would go toward replacing and upfitting the vehicles, with any expenses above the insurance reimbursement amount to be paid out of commissary or asset forfeitures funds. 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.

County extension director Ariel Camm-Wilson came before the commissioners to provide a general update. She spoke about the first ever Family Ag Day, a community wellness program, and a new community garden. She also mentioned various other programs and initiatives, such as the 4-H program, nutrition education, and community wellness. Ms. Camm-Wilson closed out her discussion by emphasizing the impact of these programs on the community and the need for continued support.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple agenda items. The first was an unofficial detour route agreement from INDOT for SR 64. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve and sign the agreement. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The next item was an update on the PE & right-of-way phase of the New Middletown Elizabeth Road Project. Mr. Russel said INDOT approved the selection of Lochmueller group for the project, who is now preparing a contract proposal for the commissioners' consideration.

A similar project update was then given for the CE Phase of the Corydon Ramsey Road, Hospital Drive, and Pacer Drive flashing red signal project. Mr. Russel noted that INDOT had approved the selection of Clark Dietz for the project, who is now preparing a contract proposal for the commissioners' consideration.

The final items were personnel issues. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve Vernon Gehlbach moving to District 1 Foreman with an effective date of July 8, 2025. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve leave without pay requests for Mike Dunaway and Mark Mauck as requested. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the June 16, 2025 commissioner meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County auditor Sara Burdick had multiple action items for the commissioners' consideration. The first was an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$1,680,000.00 for the design costs of the Justice Center renovation project provided by RQAW. 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 was an abuse & molestation policy drafted at the request of the county's liability insurance carrier. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the policy. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Auditor Burdick said the next item was an additional appropriation in the amount of \$47,370.00 for a new truck for the maintenance department. The vehicle would replace the existing truck that was totaled due to hail damage. 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 additional appropriation request was in the amount of \$17,249.40 for Eaton to replace the electronic components of the county's UPS server backup battery system. 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.

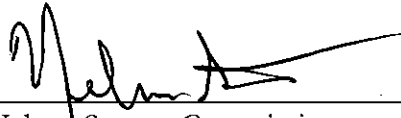
Auditor Burdick then read two additional appropriation requests as follows: riverboat infrastructure totaling \$6,877.20 and revenue sharing in the amount of \$176,842.29. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward the requests to the county council. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The last item from the county auditor was a credit application with Jacobi Oil Service, Inc. for the maintenance department. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve, and allow commissioner Stepro to sign the credit application. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

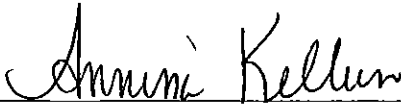
Commissioner Stepro said the final action item was a request to move early voting to the Government Center. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

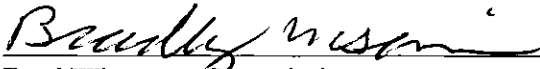
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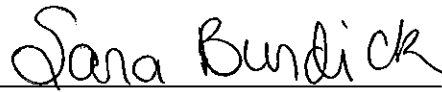
Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor