

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, August 18, 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 7:02 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 #1221, Melanie Kerr-Radcliff, in the amount of \$159.98, reducing the reimbursement claim to exclude sales tax. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Transportation direct Roland Lemus came before the commissioners with a 5311 grant claim for Blue River Services' second quarter. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$128,729.00 as presented and allow commissioner Stepro to sign on the commissioners' behalf. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County patrol officer Colin Vetter came before the commissioners with a proposal to further improve the benefits policies for the police department, with an emphasis on expanding the existing vacation day accruals. Commissioner Stepro stated that the county attorney recommended working with department heads and elected officials rather than individual employees.

County sheriff Nick Smith said that he supported the officers' proposal, speaking briefly on the importance of retaining experienced personnel and the high rates of divorce and suicide among police officers.

Commissioner Stepro said he would only be in favor of making changes that would be in effect for all county employees and not specific to one department. He concluded by noting that the commissioners would be making some changes to the personnel policies as a whole in the future, with the possibility of addressing a few of the officers' proposals at that time.

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Plan commissioner director Chris Kincade came before the commissioners with a change of zoning request. He said the parcels were currently zoned as B-1 and A-R and would be changed to a PUD. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve ordinance 2025-12 for the change of zone. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple items for the commissioners' consideration. The first was an update on the Corydon Ramsey Road, Pacer Drive, and Hospital Drive flashing signal project. Mr. Russel said INDOT has approved Clark Deitz's fee and proposed contract. The county council will be voting on the additional appropriation request for funding at their upcoming meeting on August 25, 2025, with Kevin planning to present the contract for approval at the commissioners' next meeting on September 2, 2025.

The next item was for the New Middletown Elizabeth Road Project. INDOT has approved Lochmueller Group's fee and proposed contract and the council approved funding. Mr. Russel requested that the commissioners sign the contract with Lochmueller Group in the amount of \$1,531,060.00. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve and sign the contract as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Kevin proceeded by presenting a Sourcewell quote from McGavic Outdoor Power for additional brine storage. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward a funding request in the amount of \$34,700.00 from the motor vehicle highway fund to purchase two 10,000-gallon brine storage tanks. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve a request for 4 hours of leave without pay for a highway crewman in the county highway department. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Engineer Russel said the highway department had been looking for a sliding axel trailer and two are for sale at a local consignment auction. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow commissioner Stepro and highway superintendent Glen Bube to bid on the equipment. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Russel concluded with an update on an ongoing bridge project. He said everything was progressing as it should, with iron work being finished. Once a final review of the preparation work is done, concrete will begin to be poured.

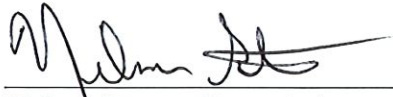
County auditor Sara Burdick presented a request for 20 hours of leave without pay for a second deputy in the county treasurer's office. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the LWOP as requested. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Commissioner Stepro abstained.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the August 4, 2025 commissioner meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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Commissioner Stepro said the next order of business would be a Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing engineer (MEP) contract with RQAW for the commissioners' consideration. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

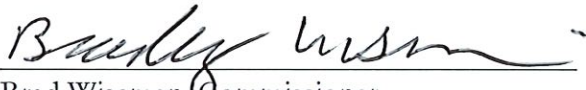
Commissioner Kellum made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor