

HARRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, November 3, 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

Sara Burdick, County Auditor
Chad Shireman, County Administrator

County commissioner Nelson Stepro called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with all three commissioners present. County attorney Chris Byrd was absent. 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 allow payment to vendor #535, CDW Government, Inc., in the amount of \$278.50 once the account number has been verified. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to allow payments to vendor #9403, United Mechanical, Inc., in the amounts of \$3,200.00 and \$1,298.82 once funding is in place. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

County health administrator Jennifer Caffrey came before the commissioners to introduce environmental health specialist candidate, Justin Bary. Commissioner Stepro noted that the county commissioners did not have hiring powers for the position, but they were in full support of the health board offering employment.

Commissioner Stepro said the next order of business was the 2026 annual contract agreement with Purdue University. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon a face-to-face conversation with an HR representative of Purdue University. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Park board president Scott Fluhr came before the commissioners with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$31,653.63 for capital outlays in the county share of riverboat fund. Mr. Fluhr explained that this was for rehabilitation efforts at Gresham Park that began in 2024 and carried into 2025. Funding was not encumbered, causing it to revert back to the fund at the end of the year. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the additional appropriation request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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County sheriff Nick Smith came before the commissioners with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$70,000.00 for medical expenses in the LIT-public safety county share fund. Sheriff Smith said the additional will fund medical and mental health services for inmates, along with the prescription and medical supplies costs associated with the Quality Correctional Care contract. Quality Correctional Care had also been billing the department at the 2024 rate, with a catch-up billing further adding to the shortfall. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the additional appropriation request to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro asked for a motion to ratify his signature on the Indiana Lobbyist Registration, which required an electronic signature that was time sensitive. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to ratify the signature. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro acknowledged receipt of the Harrison County Public Defender 2024 annual report.

Commissioner Stepro announced a new low-cost spay and neuter clinic that will be starting at the animal control facility. He noted the council's decision to no longer fund the spay and neuter voucher program, favoring an alternative that would make the county's dollars go further, provide better assistance to the residents, and increase spay and neuter procedures in the county. The goal is to have everything in place to begin the new program in January of 2026.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the commissioners with multiple agenda items. The first item was a Federal Funds Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Mr. Russel said he will be working to submit an application for funding for the rehabilitation of Bridge #81 to INDOT. He also mentioned that the council had signed a funding commitment letter for this project at their last meeting.

The next item was a request for Scodeller Construction who had done the county's crack sealing in 2025. They had asked for the commissioners to roll over their annual bid into 2026. The commissioners decided to wait until their next meeting to give them time to consider the proposal.

The next item was the statement of the basis for just compensation (SBJC) for three parcels located on Corydon Ridge Road. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to allow commissioner Stepro to sign the SBJC's as requested. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays. Mr. Russel announced the department would be sending a transfer request to the county council from the MVH fund's bituminous account to cover the costs of the three parcels.

The last item on the engineer's agenda was two change orders from the project on Bridge #5752. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$74,686.97 and change order #2 in the amount of \$26,299.07. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Kellum made a motion to approve the October 6, 2025 commissioner meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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County auditor Sara Burdick presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$278.50 for two new computer monitors and cables in the clerk's office. 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 auditor Sara Burdick presented a leave without pay request for an employee in the superior court clerk's office. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve the leave without pay as requested. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

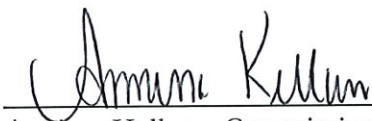
County administrator Chad Shireman presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$24,960.00 for security services in the county share of riverboat fund. He said this funding request was to reimburse the Town of Corydon for their school resource officers for the remainder of the calendar year. Commissioner Kellum made a motion to forward the additional appropriation to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Shireman introduced three additional appropriation requests for prosecutor IV-D as follows: \$19,825.00 for child support director, \$1,516.62 for FICA, and \$2,815.15 for PERF. These requests are being made to get budget appropriations in line with the salary ordinance for the position. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to forward the requests to the county council. Commissioner Wiseman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

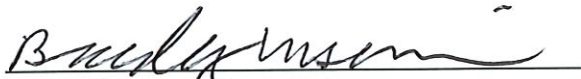
Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Commissioner Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



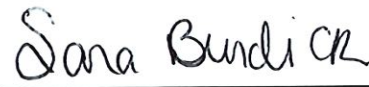
Nelson Stepro, Commissioner



Annissa Kellum, Commissioner



Brad Wiseman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor