

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street, Suite 303
Boonville, Indiana
December 22, 2025
4:00 P.M.

The Warrick County Commissioners met in regular session with Sarah Seaton, President and Stacey Franz, Vice President. Commissioner Terry Phillippe was not present for this meeting.

Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Debbie Bennett-Stearnsman were in attendance.

Chief Deputy Auditor Barbi Shelton attended and recorded the minutes.

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President Sarah Seaton called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SURETY
C-24-112 DITNEY HILL ROAD**

Area Plan Director Molly Barnhill presented a Request for the Extension of Surety for C-24-112, 10433 Ditney Hill Road by Mission First INC. by Danny Barr, President. The County is holding \$3,276.52 in escrow guaranteeing entrance construction. They have had one year. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(APC Paperwork is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
DISCUSSION REGARDING SOFTWARE
JEFF DAILY AND APRIL HICKS**

Building Commissioner Jeff Daily and Health Administrator April Hicks were present to discuss new software. The information was presented to the Commissioners. The cost is \$9,000.00 a year. The Commissioners were concerned that this was all rushed. There was more discussion. It was decided to approve the Health Department portion of the software. There was also a discussion on the term and auto-renewal. Approval was made contingent on attorney review and the allocation of funds. Commissioner Stacey Franz made the motion. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Health Department Software Agreement is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TRICAP FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES**

Health Administrator April Hicks and Health Officer Kailyn Kahre were present to discuss using TriCap for Healthy Families. Ms. Kahre reviewed the proposal and the collaboration between Tri-Cap and the Health Department. There would be no cost to the County for this collaboration. The funds are a part of the funds they receive from the State. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Ms. Hicks and Ms. Kahre presented a spreadsheet on the septic issues. Ms. Kahre went over the changes they have had in the position. The new person is very well qualified for the position. However, they have found several issues in going back through permits. Several permits have had to be revoked. The Health Board has also been informed of the issues. They are just wanting to make everyone is aware and that they are addressing it. Most of the homeowners are working with them to rectify the issues.

EPIC INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Mr. Brian Hancock was present with EPIC Insurance to discuss the County's Property Causality Insurance. He presented a packet to the Commissioners to review. He highlighted the info in the packets including spreadsheets. He also reviewed the deductibles and updates that have been added over the last year and changes for this next year. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve renewal of EPIC Insurance. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(EPIC Insurance Agreement is located on File in the Commissioner and Auditor's Offices)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REPORT

Mr. Arnold gave a quick rundown for the last quarter. The information was given to the Commissioners to review. He also went to conference and received all his continuing education and certifications.

**ACTION AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2025**

Minutes for the December 8, 2025 Regular Session meeting were presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Stacey Franz made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

APC APPOINTMENT

Ms. Bennett-Stearnsman said that this could be tabled and the appointment can be made at the next meeting.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
PAYROLL VOUCHER 26**

Payroll Voucher 26 dated December 26, 2025 in the amount of \$680,959.63 was presented. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Payroll Voucher 26 is located on Page 6 of these Official Minutes)

PAYROLL VOUCHER – SHERIFF’S HOLIDAY PAY 2

Payroll Voucher for the Sheriff’s Holiday Pay 2 dated December 24, 2025 in the amount of \$127,256.36 was presented. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Sheriff’s Holiday Payroll Voucher is located on Page 5 of these Official Minutes)

AP VOUCHER – DECEMBER 22, 2025

AP Voucher dated December 22, 2025 in the amount of \$43,395,027.00 was presented for approval. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(AP Voucher is located on Pages 6 through 10 of these Official Minutes)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for November 30, 2025 was presented. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Treasurer’s Report is located on File in the Auditor’s Office)

APPROVAL OF COUNTY ATTORNEY 2026 CONTRACT

The County Attorney Contract for 2026 was presented to the Commissioners. This has been reviewed. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(2026 County Attorney’s Contract is located on File in the Auditor’s Office)

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY – WARRICK COUNTY CONTRACT
REVIEW OF CORRECT CONTRACT FEE**

The contract with Purdue University for Purdue Extension was presented at a previous meeting; however, the amount was incorrect on the contract. The amount has been corrected and a new contract was presented. The correct amount is \$151,512.00. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Purdue Extension Contract is located on File in the Auditor’s Office)

APPROVAL OF ANIMAL CONTROL DONATIONS

Animal Control Donations were presented for a total amount of \$2,240.00. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**MORLEY & ASSOCIATES – ANIMAL CONTROL PROJECT
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT SERVICES**

A contract is for the renovations for Animal Control was presented. Ms. Bennett-Stearnsman said she is asking for a not to exceed amount but has not received it. Mr. Steve Sherwood also addressed some issues that could arise from the current addition location on the east side of the building. There was discussion on the edition be relocated to the west side. There are however issues with utilities in doing so. Darren Morley spoke to this. He reviewed some of the specks. There was a brief discussion on the updated site plans and any interference with turning around equipment for Storm Water, EMA, and the Highway Department. EMA Director Matt Goebel also spoke and

feels that fifty foot will be a tight fit. It was clarified that this is just approval for the design work. Mr. Morley asked to get some numbers from the Highway Department and EMA and they can make adjustments. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve the contract services for the Animal Control Project. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Morley Contract for Animal Control is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS
APPROVAL OF METHANE DELINEATION CONTRACT**

Next was the Approval of the Methane Delineation Contract with EMC. This contract is in the amount of \$5,850.00 to continue the methane monitoring. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(EMC Contract is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

APPROVAL OF SECURITY CENTER DRAW 33

Ms. Bennett-Stearnsman presented Draw 33 for the Security Center in the amount of \$1,412,771.27. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Security Center Draw 33 is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**ACQUISITIONS ADMINISTRATOR
RATIFY CONTRACTS
BNG – FURNACE
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Acquisitions Administrator Sherrie Sievers presented contracts for ratification. The first was for BNG for the new furnace out at the Highway Department. She reviewed the history and previous passage. This contract was in the amount of \$4,515.00. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(BNG Furnace Contract is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**BRIGHT ELECTRIC-INSTALL RECEPTACLES IN THE CRAWL SPACE AT WARRICK
COUNTY LANDFILL**

Next was for Bright Electric to install receptacles in the crawl space at the Warrick County Landfill in the amount of \$785.48. It was previously given consensus. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Bright Electric Quote is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

ALPHA LASER-PURDUE EXTENSION

Ms. Sievers presented the Alpha Laser Lease Contract for the new printer for the Purdue Extension Office. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Alpha Laser Lease is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

WEIGHT ROOM EQUIPMENT – NEW SECURITY CENTER

Ms. Sievers presented weight room equipment for purchasing for the new Security Center. She reviewed procurement, history, and evaluations. Core Fitness provided the best price at \$55,958.00. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Core Fitness Agreement is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**PRESENTATIONS
FUEL FARM BIDS-NEW SECURITY CENTER**

An RFP was prepared and invitations to bid were sent out. They received two bids: Synenergy at \$23,466.65 and Heritage at \$32,877.31. Commissioner Stacey Franz made the motion to award to Synenergy. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Synenergy Farm Fuel Agreement is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

RENEWAL OF 2023 BITUMINOUS MATERIAL CONTRACT FOR 2026 WITH METZGER ASPHALT

Ms. Sievers said that Metzger has sent a renewal offer for 2026. This will be the 3rd renewal of the current contract. The County does reserve the right to renew for up to five additional years. The Highway Department supports the renewal. Commission Stacey Franz made a motion to renew. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carries 2-0. Counsel will prepare an acknowledgement.

(2026 Bituminous Material Contract is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**LYNNVILLE EMS
ADDITIONAL ELECTRIC & GENERATOR**

Ms. Sievers said they are finishing up on the Lynnville EMS Project. There was repair work in the laundry room that didn't get done as well as new lighting. They have contacted Bright Electric who quoted a price of \$299.75 for the lighting. The drywall repair work was able to be done in-house saving several thousands of dollars. It was \$239.94 for the cost of the construction materials. Ms. Sievers also presented bids for the new generator. BNG gave quotes of \$11,550.00 and \$12,175.00 for two different sized generators. Dayville quoted a price of \$13,600.00. The balance remaining in the contingency fund is \$9,086.21. If they would deduct the lighting and materials for laundry room, it will leave \$8,546.52. If they purchase the stronger generator from BNG for \$12,175.00, they will still need \$3,628.48 to complete the purchase which Ascension has agreed to pay. Ms. Sievers was needing the approvals of the lighting, materials, and the use of the remaining contingency funds for the generator to complete the projects. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Bright Electric & BNG Agreements are located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
BODY CAMERAS AND TASERS**

They are needing to get the contract renewal. Sheriff Wilder reviewed the discounts, credits, and timeline. They would like to get consensus so they can get this done by the end of the year. This would be a Sourcewell price and will come out of the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve subject to attorney review. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Agreement for Body Cameras and Tasers are located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**COUNTY HIGHWAY/ ENGINEER
APPROVAL OF INDOT REPORT OF CONTRACT FINAL INSPECTION AND
RECOMMENDATION OF ACCEPTANCE**

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman presented the Approval of INDOT Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation of Acceptance of Bridge 310. Mr. Sherwood said that the County Engineer was in favor of approval. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

APPROVAL OF RAGLE PAY ESTIMATE 9 – RETENTION

Mr. Sherwood said that the next was the final retention from Bridge 148 in the amount of \$76,361.15 and recommended its approval. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sarah Seaton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

(Ragle Pay Estimate 9 is located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**COUNTY SHERIFF
INTERNET CONNECTION**

Sheriff Wilder wanted to put on the radar, for the Commissioners, the internet service for the New Security Center. He would like to see that move forward as it could cause some delays. There was no more discussion.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY
SLURRY PIT UPDATE**

County Attorney Cliff Whitehead gave an update on the slurry pit and what had been completed. Documentation has been submitted to DNR and is being analyzed. An Emergency Action Plan is also being developed for EMA.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
NORM MILLER – SLURRY PIT**

Norm Miller – 6899 Miller Road. Mr. Miller had a handout for the Commissioners. He submitted a picture of the slurry pit from GIS. He talked about the loss of the qualified Surveyor because of some of the issues of this issue and asked what the County's endgame is for this pit. He also reviewed his handout and possible breaches and outcomes from those breaches. Attorney Whitehead said they are working with the experts and the gathering data. It is a process. Mr. Miller would like his concerns on the record.

