

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana

DATE 2/5/2026

Commissioners present: President Robert Little, David Bramer and Ron Lee
Also present: Auditor Heather Huff and Commissioner's Administrative Assistant Sarah Alexander taking minutes.

Commissioner Robert Little called the meeting to order and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Commissioners Ron Lee and David Bramer. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve all accounts payable vouchers. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve all payroll claim dockets. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Workers Compensation Renewal & Sheriff's Accident and Sickness Renewal for the Reserve Officers, Rick Sauley- RLS Insurance Group- Rick Sauley presented the 2026 premium for the Sheriff's Department Reserve Officers, which came in at \$129 for the year. Sauley then presented the workers compensation policy, which came in at \$126,813, which is a decrease from last year. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to accept the Accident & Sickness Renewal and the Workers Compensation Renewal. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Department Updates

911- Director Brandon Tucker reported that he has been asked to speak at the Director's Summit this year regarding implementing AI (Commscoach) into the PSAPs. He stated that regular meetings are continuing every couple of weeks to ensure progress remains on track and that the project is going well.

Animal Shelter- Director Tricia Parker reported that the water at the shelter froze this morning, but thanks to plans put in place over the past two years, the situation is under control and all animals have access to water. During the recent Virginia Avenue raid, three additional puppies were recovered, bringing the total number of animals taken from that property to 23. The related court hearing is scheduled for February 9, pending no further postponement. The cost of care for these 23 animals has now exceeded \$13,000, and the department hopes to recover some of these expenses.

Highway Department- Superintendent Jason Copeland said the crew responded to last week's heavy snow with strong coordination between EMA, County, City, and law enforcement. Three graders, 12 dump trucks, and three plow-equipped pickups covered 8,470.2 miles, using 1,571 gallons of diesel, 962 gallons of gas, 27 tons of salt, and 882 tons of cinders. One plow truck was damaged in a weather-related crash. This week's snow and ice added over 500 tons of cinders, 28 tons of salt, and 3,000 miles of travel. Ice removal remains difficult due to freezing temperatures. The department will test calcium chloride mixed with cinders in icy areas to improve road conditions.

EMA- Director Matt True reported ongoing warehouse organization and continued focus on winter weather response. Meetings have begun with private-sector partners regarding FEMA's new "community lifelines" initiative, which focuses on restoring essential services such as power, transportation, and food supply. EMA has also met with local civic groups to coordinate emergency transport for residents needing assistance, including those requiring oxygen during severe weather.

Commissioner Little thanked Jim Martin for cleaning the Rykers Ridge trash pickup site, along with any farmers and others who assisted. Appreciation was expressed to everyone who helped during the snow event.

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed.

A video recording of this meeting is available on the [Jefferson County, Indiana Government YouTube channel](#).

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Robert Little, President

David Bramer, Member

Ron Lee, Member