

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Annex Building

Tina Ellis, Dave Woodall, Mike Gerth, Gene Rudicel, Jerry Lamb, Mandy Creech, and Dave Cheatham were present. Tina Ellis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cheatham followed the Pledge of Allegiance with prayer.

Tina asked if the council had any questions or concerns about the meeting minutes from the last meeting and Dave C. said that there were a couple of errors that needed corrected. In the resolution that was passed in the last meeting, the avenue flags should read The Avenue of Flags. The North Club should have read the North Vernon Kiwanis Club. Dave C. made a motion to approve the minutes with the listed changes. Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The treasurer reports that the total interest earned from Indiana Trust for July was \$85,436.19 and the year-to-date interest is \$624,757.29.

The Commissioners approved Dunlap's bid for a new HVAC system for the courthouse in the amount of \$435,000. Justin has brought the commissioner's approval to the council to get the funding for this project. A representative from Dunlap was in attendance to answer any questions that the council members may have regarding the HVAC unit. Jerry asked about a warranty and Dunlap offers a one-year craftsmanship warranty. They will have to look at the paperwork for warranty on the equipment. Dave W. made a motion to pay \$485,000 out of the Rainy-Day fund. Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously. There will be an annual maintenance plan that will need to be approved later.

Ian Godfrey with EMS was referred to council by the commissioners. EMS applied for a grant for new body armor because theirs had expired. Unfortunately, they were not chosen for the grant. The total cost for the body armor is \$20,600.02 this includes vest and helmets. The Body Armor is good for 5 years and EMS has had theirs for 10 years. Dave W. said they need this equipment and that is what the safety money is used for. Tina said she agrees, she just wanted some more information. Dave W. made a motion to approve \$20,600.02 for the body armor and to pay out of Safety LIT. Gene R. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Tina speaks on behalf of Michelle with Animal Control. Michelle is asking for an additional appropriation of \$8,742.00 for her part-time budget. Her part time position was budgeted for \$11.00 per hour and the part time hourly rate was increased to \$18.00 per hour. Michelle will need the additional to fulfill her part-time budget for the remainder of the year. Tina said that if department heads had turned in the number of hours the part time people worked, it would have been budgeted correctly. Mike made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$8,742.00, Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Max Marcoux went to the commissioners to get approval to apply for a grant for a K-9 for the SRO. The grant is 100% and will be at no cost to the county. Now Kenny is coming to also get the council's permission to apply for the grant. Dave C. made a motion to allow the sheriff to apply for the grant, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

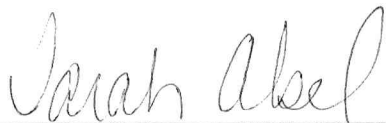
Kenny gives the council a heads up that the school may ask for Matt Miller to become a full-time SRO. Currently Matt is a reserve deputy and works part time as an SRO and is paid by the school.

The sheriff brought information to the council concerning payroll and federal tax withholding issues. No action was taken by the council.

Dave C. made a motion to pay \$3395.00 to Reedy Financial for Senate Bill preparation (special project). Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Dave W. made a motion to pay \$1574.14 to TKE for elevator repair out of the cumulative courthouse fund. Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Gene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Dave W. seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.



Sarah Abel, Auditor

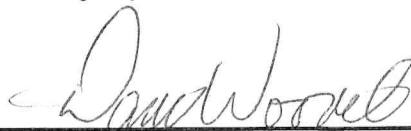
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