

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 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.

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from August 12, 2025, council meeting, Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Dave C. made a motion to approve the second set of minutes which were from the budget meeting on August 27, 2025. Dave W. seconded the motion, motion passed. Gene and Mandy were not present for the budget meeting, so they abstained from the vote.

The Treasurer reports that \$90,972.10 in interest was made in the Indiana Trust account. The interest of \$13,644.71 earned in the German American account was moved to the Indiana Trust account. The year-to-date total is \$624,757.29 and the interest is still running at 4.3% interest. Jerry said that it is amazing that we are earning that much interest.

The Recorder is asking for an additional appropriation of \$7056.00 into her part-time line to finish out the year. The council increased the part-time employees to \$18.00 per hour for the budget year 2025 and therefore the original appropriations were not enough to finish out the year. Dave W. made a motion to approve the recorders request, Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Human Resources submitted a quote from Eagle Point in the amount of \$1149.25 for a new laptop. Dave W. made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$1149.25 for the laptop. Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The county highway shared a quote with the council in the amount of \$58,300.00 for a new maintenance truck. The current maintenance truck is a 2000 model with almost 300,000 miles. The utility bed is rusted out, and tools are lost going down the highway. Tina asked why this wasn't included in the highway's capital request, in which Sherri responded that trucks were included in the capital request plan. Nothing from the highways capital request plan was approved/included in the 2024 General Operating Bond. Dave C. made a motion to table the request to purchase a new maintenance truck until the council meets with the commissioners, Reedy, and the Highway Department. Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Dave W. said that the decision is solely up to the commissioners and should not have to wait for a meeting. After some discussion, Dave C. withdraws his motion to table.

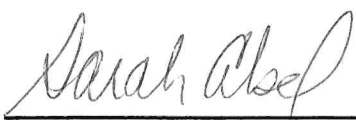
Tina reads the ordinance for the appropriations and tax rates. Mike made a motion to adopt this ordinance, Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously. This will not be the final budget; it is just what is being advertised. The numbers are being advertised high and will be finalized in October.

Dave W. made a motion to pay \$2474.00 to Reedy Financial for department head meetings for budget. Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

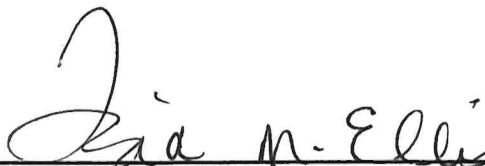
Mike made a motion to approve the additional appropriations as read, Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

James Pittman term on Library Board expired at the end of August. The library would like to keep him on the board for another four years. Dave W. made a motion to appoint Mike Stark to the library board. Mike has a financial background and is highly respected in the community. Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

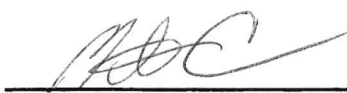
Gene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Dave C. seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.



Sarah Abel, Auditor



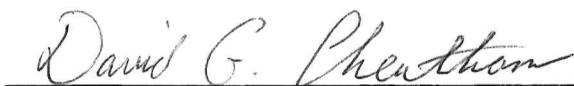
Tina Ellis, President



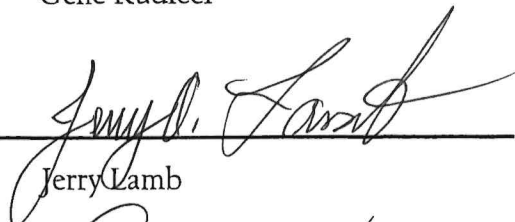
Mike Gerth, Vice President



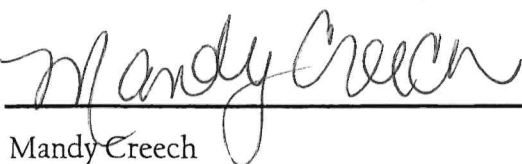
Gene Rudicel



Dave Cheatham



Jerry Lamb



Mandy Creech



Dave Woodall