

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 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 opens the meeting at 6:00 pm on October the 14th. She will open the meeting with reading the ordinance to adopt the budget for 2026.

Mike Gerth reads ordinance number 2025-09. Dave C. mentions reading the numbers out loud so that the public can be aware of the total budget, the projected tax rate, and levy. The adopted budget is \$24,298,404.00; the adopted tax levy is \$7,369,668.00; and the adopted tax rate is 0.7427. Tina Ellis made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the budget on the second reading. Dave C. seconds the motion, passed unanimously. Gene made a motion to close this portion of the meeting; Dave C. seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Tina opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Dave C. follows with prayer. Gene made a motion to accept prior minutes for the Executive Session, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Mike G. made a motion to accept the prior council meeting minutes, Gene R. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The treasurer gives the council members an update on the Trust Indiana account. The total for September is \$87,322.97. The interest from German American in the amount of \$15,136.82, was moved to Trust Indiana. The year-to-date total in Trust Indiana is \$832,579.07.

Dave C. made a motion to approve a Reedy Financial invoice for payment, in the amount of \$306.25. Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

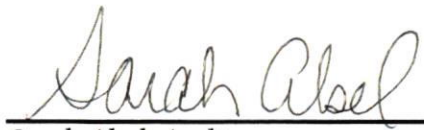
Mike made a motion to approve Ordinance number 2025-09, Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Tina Ellis said that a meeting will need to be coordinated to discuss the salary ordinance. Tina said that the salary ordinance needs to be adopted by November 1, 2025. There are some changes that need to be made before the salary ordinance is adopted. Council has decided to have the meeting on October 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

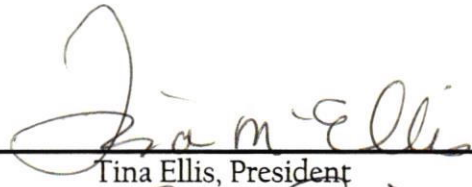
Council discussed the comp time issues and how to correct the issues. Dave W. made a motion to allow Dave C. to engage with Reedy Financial on a proposal on what the cost would be to access information on hourly versus salary. Gene seconded the motion. Jerry L. votes against this motion. Jerry doesn't think it will do any good if the department heads do not handle the comp time.

Dave W. made a motion to approve \$1250.00 to Reedy Financial for completing the salary ordinance for 2026. Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Dave C. made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 pm. Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



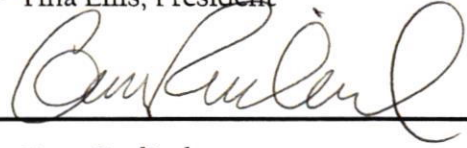
Sarah Abel, Auditor



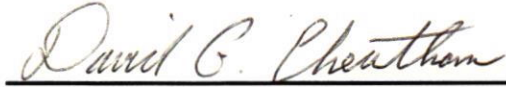
Tina Ellis, President



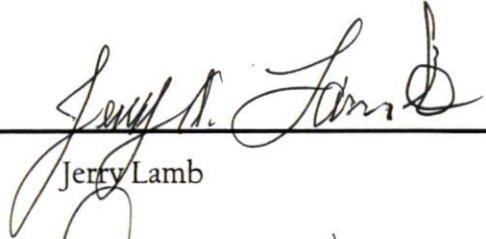
Mike Gerth, Vice President



Gene Rudicel



Dave Cheatham



Jerry Lamb



Mandy Creech



Dave Woodall