

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

December 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 Woodall followed the Pledge of Allegiance with prayer.

Gene made a motion to accept the prior meeting minutes, Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The treasurer reports that Trust Indiana earned \$81,077.69 in interest for the month of November. The year-to-date total in the Trust Indiana account is \$1,042,127.26. After settlement, the treasurer plans to transfer more money into the Trust Indiana account.

Marie Shepherd is asking the council for approval to adopt an ordinance that allows the county department to collect a fee on records request. Marie explains that her office does not charge for one or two pages. On a recent records request, hundreds of pages will need to be printed. The charge will be \$.10 per page. Mike made a motion to approve the ordinance; Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Seth Jones has been trying to get a one-time stipend for two of his employees that stepped up and went above and beyond to get the parks running smoothly after the former director was let go. Seth and the Park Board had decided to pay the stipend out of the parks non reverting fund. Seth was told that he still needed council approval for this. Tina asked if there was comp time earned during this time and Seth said not really, no more than normal. Dave C. said he has a problem with paying individuals for work done when that's part of their job. Dave C. said his vote is no. Tina said that this had already been done before in the Auditors' office. Dave W. said that earned comp time was paid out in the Auditor's office, no bonus was paid. Dave W. said that he appreciates the hard work but cannot set the precedence of giving bonuses. Paying comp time is different than giving a bonus. No motion made, no further discussion.

The council members signed the additional appropriation ordinance that was approved in the last meeting. This was for employee benefits at the county highway department.

Jerry made a motion to approve the invoice for Reedy Financial, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Dunlap invoices were submitted to the council for approval. Dave W. said that the commissioners have total control of the Cumulative Courthouse Fund, therefore these invoices need to go to the commissioners for approval.

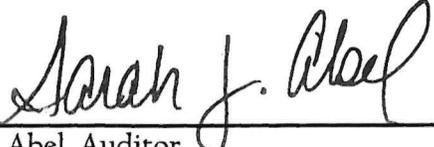
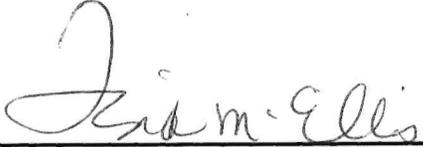
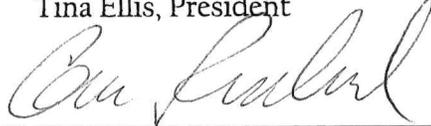
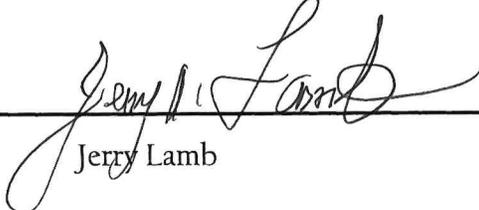
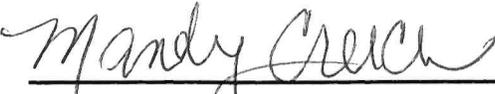
The council is discussing the changes in the 2025 Salary Ordinance. The recorder and animal control had changes to the part-time pay. There were changes to two distribution lines for the

highway. Recycling Center also had changes to the part time pay. Dave C. made a motion to approve the 2025 Amended Salary Ordinance, Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Brad with Soil and Water to advocate for the Executive Director of Soil and Water. Brad is asking for this position to make the same salary as the elected officials. No further discussion.

Dave W. made a motion to accept the 2026 Salary Ordinance that Reedy has completed for council. Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Gene made a motion to adjourn, Jerry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

	
Sarah Abel, Auditor	Tina Ellis, President
	
Mike Gerth, Vice President	Gene Rudicel
	
Dave Cheatham	Jerry Lamb
	
Mandy Crech	Dave Woodall