

## JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Annex Building

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

The first order of business is to elect new officers. Jerry Lamb made a motion to elect Tina Ellis as Council President. Gene seconds the motion, passed unanimously. Jerry Lamb made a motion to elect Dave Woodall as Council Vice President. Gene seconds the motion, passed unanimously.

The Treasurer reports that Trust Indiana has earned \$19,932.30 in interest. The Treasurer invested an additional \$2 million into the Trust Indiana account.

Dave C. made a motion to approve the special project invoices from Reedy Financial. Mike Gerth seconds the motion, passed unanimously.

Kirsten Wiley and Pat Dickerson are the appointments for the Park Board. All council appointments will remain the same unless an appointee reaches out to resign.

*Dave C. took the place of Jerry Lamb on the 911 Board.*

Tina Ellis said that last year, the council decided not to appoint liaisons for the department heads. Council said that it worked well and they will not appoint liaisons for 2026.

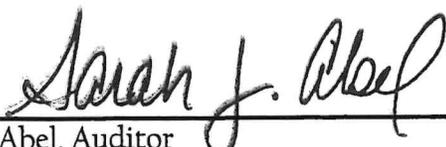
Gene made a motion to approve the 2026 Council meeting dates, Jerry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

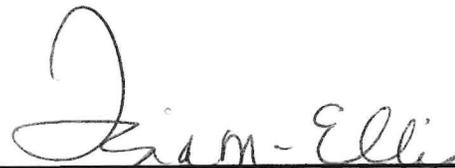
Any additional appropriations needed will have to wait until the March meeting. The reports for the AFR will need to be run first.

Louise Malcomb was named the new county historian.

Brad Ponsler, Chairman of the Soil and Water Board, shares the annual bulletin with the council members. Brad wanted to let everyone know that they also have rental equipment available.

Gene made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm, Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

  
Sarah Abel, Auditor

  
Tina Ellis, President



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Mike Gerth, Vice President



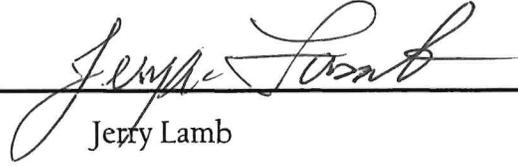
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Gene Rudicel



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Dave Cheatham



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Jerry Lamb

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Mandy Creech

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Dave Woodall