

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Annex Building

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

Mike made a motion to approve prior meeting minutes; Gene seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1; Mandy Creech abstained.

The Treasurer reported that the interest for the month of May in the Trust Indiana account was \$79,936.42. Currently the county is at an interest rate of 3.611 percent. \$27,049.57 was transferred from German American to Trust Indiana. The Treasurer made a withdraw of \$3 million but will make a deposit after tax settlement. The money collected for Spring settlement was \$16,900,124.98.

Tracy Jones comes before the council to ask about the replacement of a board member on the EMS board. Jerry Shepherd has resigned and Tracy is recommending Britt Burgmeier to the council. Dave W. made a motion to appoint Britt to the EMS board, Mandy seconded the vote, passed unanimously.

Marie Shepherd comes to the council to discuss her Unsafe Building Fund (4920) and her Fines and Fees Fund (7109). Marie is running short in both funds and will need additional appropriation to cover the bills for these funds. There is a misunderstanding between appropriations and cash balance. Marie will be getting money from settlement that will help the fund balances. Mike made a motion to transfer \$5000.00 from the general fund to fund 4920. Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Marie will come back to the next meeting and follow up on funding.

Nicci Lucas is here on behalf of the commissioners. WIS was recommended by Alex for the employee law side of Human Resources. The commissioners approve the quote contingent on council finding the funding. Included in the quote are three in-person meetings. Additional expenses will come from additional training needed. The cost is \$16,840.00 to \$19,600.00 to update the counties policies. Dave W. makes a motion to approve \$20,000.00 to be paid by the general fund. Gene R. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

House Bill 1392 has changed for CVET & FIT. Council is to take action to approve how the CVET & FIT distributions will be allocated. Going forward Dave W makes a motion to receipt CVET & FIT into county general. Gene R. seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The balance in the CVET fund is currently \$50,270.23. Dave W. made a motion to transfer \$50,270.23 into the Rainy-Day fund. Gene R seconds the motion passed unanimously. Dave W. made a

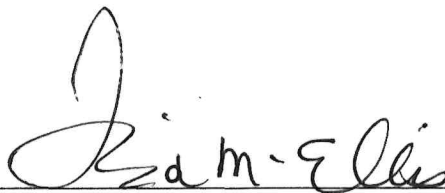
motion to transfer the balance of \$47,567.56 into the Rainy-Day fund. Gene R. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Dave W. motioned to table appropriating the Sheriff's Non-Reverting Funds, Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The council members would like to see a plan for spending these funds.

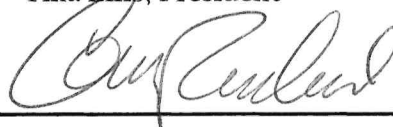
A motion was made by Gene R. to adjourn at 6:55pm, Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Sarah Abel, Auditor



Tina Ellis, President



Gene Rudicel

Mike Gerth, Vice President



Dave Cheatham

ABSENT

Jerry Lamb



Dave Woodall

Mandy Creech