JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Annex Building

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

Mike G. made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Dave C. made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Dave W. made a motion to open the meeting for the reading of the ordinance for the 2027 budget. Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Dave W. made a motion to approve the form 4B as read by Tina. Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Dave W. made a motion to waive the second reading of the budget. Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Dave C. makes a motion to adjourn the budget reading. Mike G. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Mike G. makes a motion to open the regularly scheduled meeting. Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The Treasurers report shows a total of $94,308.03 in interest for the month of August. A total of $6,709.69 was transferred to Trust Indiana.

The council is starting to discuss the roof for Geneva Township VFD. Dave W. says that the council approved in the last meeting. Dave W. says there is plenty of money in Safety LIT to help the VFD out. After looking back at previous minutes, Gene motion to pay up to $25000.00 out of Safety Lit. Dave W. seconded the motion, Jerry opposed because the roofing job was not bid out. No vote needed because this matter was previously voted on.

Charlie St. John discusses the Brownstown Rd. project with the council. There is a water line that belongs to Hayden Water on Brownstown Rd. that needs to be relocated. Hayden Water claims to be a hardship and does not have the funding to move it. Charlie received a quote to relocate the water line for $92,560.00. Charlie states that the amount that the county will realize is about $57,000.00. The difference will be reimbursed from INDOT.

Dave C. makes a motion to approve the payment of $92,560.00 out of the county garage Cedit fund. Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There is a remaining balance of $475.50 on a Reedy invoice that needs to be paid. Dave W. tabled the balance. Dave C. seconds the motion, passed unanimously.

Mike G. made a motion to approve the payment to Reedy in the amount of $1800.00 for the department head budget meeting. Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The highway needs $500,000 in additional appropriations for additional paving. Dave W. made a motion to approve, Mike seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The highway department has hired a new supervisor. $22,000 in additional appropriations to fish out 2026. Dave W. made the motion, Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Jerry Lamb wants to make sure that this person does the job to earn the money.

Appropriation is needed for $104,000 for a new tractor at the county highway. Dave W. makes a motion to appropriate $104,000.00 out of the county Cedit. Dae C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The paver needs a new set of tracks, and a new A/C recovery machine is needed. The A/C recovery machine can be purchased from the Bond. Dave C. made a motion to approve up to $40,000 from the county Cedit for the tracks. Dave W. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Dave W. made a motion to adjourn, Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah Abel

Sarah Abel, Auditor

Tina Ellis, President

Mike Gerth, Vice President

Gene Rudicel

David G. Cheatham

Dave Cheatham

Jerry Lamb

Mandy Creech

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Dave Woodall