

## **Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2026

[Play 860] ***Prayer***

### ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Present: Commissioner Olivia Pratt, Commissioner Rick Gardner and President John Richwine.

Also Present: County Administrator Tom Ecker, County Attorney Jeff Graham and Deputy Auditor Nicki Young.

[Play 861] ***Approval of Minutes:***

***Motion:*** to approve the July 21, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented.

***Moved:*** Olivia Pratt

***Seconded:*** Rick Gardner

***Motion Passed unanimously.***

[Play 862] ***Approval of Claims:***

***Motion:*** to approve the claims as presented by the Auditor's office.

***Moved:*** Rick Gardner

***Seconded:*** Olivia Pratt

***Motion Passed unanimously.***

[Play 863] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, indicates the Statement of Work with River Systems for upgrade of the audio and visual system in the Commissioners' courtroom approved by the Commissioners in July pending legal review, has been modified and is back before the Commissioners for approval.

***Motion:*** to approve the modified River Systems Statement of Work, as presented.

***Moved:*** President Richwine

***Seconded:*** Olivia Pratt

***Motion Passed unanimously.***

[Play 864] County Attorney Graham then presents a proposed Resolution to the Commissioners concerning modification of the award of ARPA funds to Heartland CAP. Doug Eckerty, Executive Director of Heartland CAP provides information concerning the requested modification.

***Motion:*** to adopt Resolution 2026-BC-R-11, a Resolution Approving a Change to a Previously Authorized Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Heartland Community Action Program (formerly JobSource, Inc.), as presented.

***Moved:*** Rick Gardner

***Seconded:*** Olivia Pratt

***Motion Passed unanimously.***

[Play 865] Larry Strange, Planning Director, presents to the Commissioners a proposed Ordinance extending the moratorium on Data Centers, with a favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission.

**Motion:** to approve Ordinance 2026-BC-O-08, an Ordinance Extending the Moratorium on Data Centers until June 16, 2027, as presented.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Rick Gardner

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

[Play 866] Linda Smith, Clerk, presents to the Commissioners a proposed two (2) year Software License, Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with Election Systems & Software, LLC, at a total cost of \$217,840.00, for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve the Software License, Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with Election Systems & Software, LLC, as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Rick Gardner

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

[Play 867] Clarence Walker, Engineering Technician, provides two (2) proposed Agreements with USI Consultants, Inc. for periodic engineering construction inspection, one (1) relating to Madison County Bridge 7 at a cost not to exceed \$48,500.00 and one (1) relating to Madison County Bridge 96 at a cost not to exceed \$78,500.00, to the Commissioners for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve both Agreements with USI Consultants, Inc. for periodic engineering construction inspection relating to Madison County Bridges 7 and 96, as presented.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

[Play 869] County Attorney Graham indicates that the Recorder requested him to present to the Commissioners a proposed Three Year Land Records LifeCycle Service Extension at a cost of \$43,560.00 for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve the Three Year land Records LifeCycle Service Extension with Fidlar Technologies, as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Rick Gardner

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

[Play 870] Tom Ecker, County Administrator provides a brief update regarding the new jail project. Administrator Ecker indicates the project remains on schedule and under budget.

[Play 871] County Attorney Graham indicates that a new federal statute has been enacted regarding vehicles purchased with federal funds. County Attorney Graham indicates that the new federal statute requires the gatekeeper of the federal funds, in this case the Indiana Department of Transportation, is required to hold the titles to all vehicles purchased with federal monies.

**Motion:** to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to cause the titles to the TRAM vehicles, which were purchased with federal grant monies, to be sent to the Indiana Department of Transportation as required by the new federal statute.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Rick Gardner

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

[Play 872] **Motion:** to adjourn

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

***Next Regular Commissioner's Meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM***