

# Miami County Commissioners Meeting

## February 3, 2025

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### Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 2025-02-03 09:00 am
- Location: 25 N Broadway Peru IN
- Attendees:
- Commissioner Keith Musselman
- Commissioner Brenda Weaver
- Commissioner Mark Horner
- Auditor Annette Phillippo
- Jim Deniston: 10 Krypto Consulting
- Hiede Amspaugh – Baker Tilly
- Stacy Gaunt: YMCA Transit
- Herb Hunt EMA
- Janice Hughes

### Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order after 9:00 AM by Commissioner Musselman.

#### 1. IT and Equipment Budgeting

- **IT Budget and Equipment**

Jim Denniston discussed various IT equipment needs, including watch guard boxes, VMware infrastructure, backup devices, and PC upgrades. All items except the live stream equipment were within the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver and a second by Commissioner Horner to approve for 10 Krypto to do all the updates to the computers and programming and warranties. Passed 3-0

- **Live Stream Equipment**

Discussion on options for live streaming public meetings as required by July 1<sup>st</sup> Per HB 1167 Jim recommended posting via YouTube. Quotes were presented: 10 Krypto cost \$7,150.00, the other with BIS \$20,486, both requiring additional equipment.

BIS option will also require an additional pc for approx. 1500.00

- **Herb Hunt updated Storm Siren System Evaluation**

The team is evaluating the storm siren system due to issues last year.

We're going to get with Michael Bissenbach from Peru Utilities to see what has been done on the city side, because I know there was some problems with the sirens within the city. When we do a storm test on Thursdays, the Ham Club from EMA, goes out in the county and they sit at each siren. So, when Molly has the 911 center set off the sirens, they report back, and they tell us whether they sound. We have nothing like that through the city. That's one other thing I want to talk to Michael about, to see whether they are checking them every time they're tested. And we are also working on a storm siren policy, which we do not have.

We are also working on updating the policy. A policy on tornado warning sirens is to be presented at the next commissioner's meeting.

- **Code Red Notification System**

The Code Red notification system was discussed to alert people outside the tornado hearing zone. Efforts are being made to increase awareness and sign-ups for the system.

#### **4. Policy updates and infrastructure planning**

- Janice Hughes with the Highway Dept has concerns about Bereavement Policy and gave a few recommendations.

- **Bereavement Policy**

Discussion on the need to update the bereavement policy to reflect changes in societal practices regarding funerals and memorials. The policy has been revised multiple times, and there is a suggestion to form a committee to review it.

- **Employee Handbook Updates**

The employee handbook is over 200 pages long and requires updates. There is a proposal to send out updates once a year to avoid confusion, with a focus on amendments rather than full handbook reprints.

- **Broadband Infrastructure**

Matt Maverick with Broadband spoke about Concerns about Comcast's broadband infrastructure plans overlapping with existing services. There is a need for clear mapping of areas where funds are being used to ensure they are not duplicating efforts.

- **Broadway Broadband Grant Support**

Discussion on whether to provide a letter of support for Broadway Broadband's grant application. The letter would not obligate the county but would support the company's funding application.

Commissioner Weaver motioned and Commissioner Horner a second for Commissioner Musselman to sign a recommendation letter for Broadway Broadband

# **Miami County Economic Development Authority Miami County Commissioners Miami County Council City of Peru, Indiana City Council**

## **Economic Development Indicators**

**January 2025**



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## Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Captured AV

*AV TIF  
Tax Increment*

Unit	Taxes Payable 2019	Taxes Payable 2024	Increase	Percent Increase
Miami County	\$19,620,100	\$80,283,802	\$60,663,702	309.19%
City of Peru	2,786,202	9,768,917	6,982,715	250.62%
Cass County	45,491,310	107,090,127	61,598,817	135.41%
City of Logansport	12,413,528	49,299,217	36,885,689	297.14%
Wabash County	30,097,240	30,170,930	73,690	0.24%
City of Wabash	57,338,054	70,455,082	13,117,028	22.88%

Source: DLGF Gateway

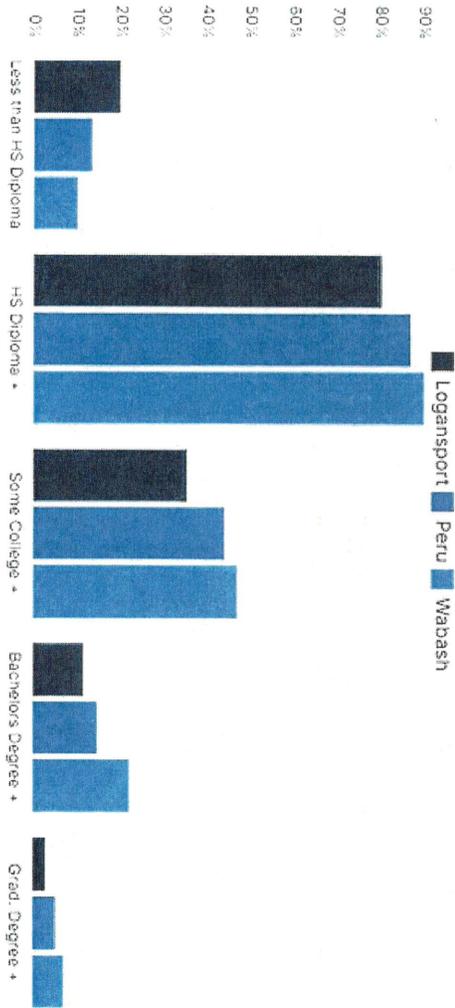
## Median Home Value

Unit	2013-2017	2018-2022	Increase	Percent Increase
Miami County	\$85,500	\$112,800	\$27,300	31.93%
City of Peru	60,400	78,500	18,100	29.97%
Cass County	84,100	110,600	26,500	31.51%
City of Logansport	65,400	80,400	15,000	22.94%
Wabash County	96,700	135,800	39,100	40.43%
City of Wabash	77,300	107,400	30,100	38.94%

Source: American Community 5-Year Estimates of the U.S. Census Bureau

# Educational Attainment

Comparative Share of Population by Educational Attainment (2022)



Source: American Community Survey (ACS), US Census Bureau