

Miami County Commissioners Meeting

July 21, 2025

Meeting Information

Date & Time: 07-21-2025 9:00 am

Location: 25. Broadway Peru IN 46970 GAR Room

Attendees:

Commissioner Fred Musselman

Commissioner Brenda Weaver

Commissioner Mark Horner

Auditor Annette Phillippo

EMA – Herb Hunt

Highway - Janice Hughes

Butler Fairmand & Seufert – Colin Sullivan

Probation – Mandy Maverick

Meeting Notes

❖ **Burn Ban Ordinance and Fire Department Reimbursement - VPN**

Herb Hunt Discussion on the burn ban ordinance, including the citation process and the desire to allow fire departments to charge for repeated responses to the same people to deter continuous burning. Reimbursement to fire departments for responding to violations is being considered, with clarification needed on the correct process for remitting funds. The ordinance's approval is subject to review by the State Board of Accounts to confirm the proper reimbursement procedure for fire departments.

Motion to read over the ordinance and bring back to the table next meeting by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner .
Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Commissioner Horner to allow VPN access for Kyle Brothers at EMA. Commissioner Weaver Seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.
Commissioner Musselman signed the request.

❖ **Hazmat Ordinance Compliance**

Clarification that personnel charges cannot be included per state law in hazmat responses; only equipment can be charged.

Janice Hughs and Collin Sullivan updated on ADA – CCMG Programs – and Bridge closure.

❖ **ADA Plan Updates and Federal Compliance**

The county received a notice from the Fort Wayne district (Daniel LaRue) regarding the need to update its ADA plans to comply with federal requirements. This is a nationwide issue for DOTs receiving federal aid grants and requiring ADL-6 updates. The update includes documenting goals and accomplishments from 2019 to 2024 (about 1.5-2 pages). Consultant Colin Sullivan and Janice are assisting the county in getting these plans updated and in compliance. The county's website will also be revised with Jim Denniston's help once the updates are complete

❖ **CCMG Program Changes and Project Applications**

The CCMG program has undergone significant changes: the July call (for Wabash Road Phase 3) was canceled, and applications are now accepted only once a year, with the application window from October 1 to October 31. The project cap has been reduced from \$1.5 million (which it had been for the last two years, after starting at \$1 million in 2016) to \$1 million, and the total annual funding is capped at \$100 million. However, the local match requirement has improved from 25% to 20%. Projects must be shovel-ready and completed within 18 months. All the county's previous projects, including Logansport Road and part of Wabash Road, are closed out and in compliance. The county will apply for Wabash Road Phase 3 in October for 2026 funding. The ADA plan also needs to be updated for this application. A DNR permit for the Wabash Road culvert is required, which typically takes 4-6 months, and timing for construction depends on the award notification

❖ **Bridge 164 Application and Compliance**

Application for Bridge 164 (Mexico) for the 2029 call is under review. Compliance with federal law is emphasized, and updates are being coordinated with the state compliance attorney.

❖ **Change of Authorization for Bob's Lock and Key** A request was made and approved to add Marcy as an authorized contact for Bob's Lock and Key. This change was signed today, allowing Marcy to make phone calls and handle related issues, as she had already contacted them previously.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner to allow Commissioner Musselman to sign the new letter to Bob's Lock and Key to add Marci Hasselkus the authorization letter. Motion carried 3-0

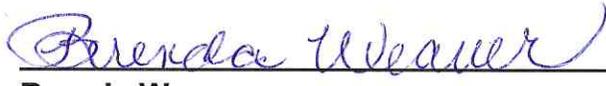
❖ Mandy Maverick informed the BOC she has had problems with her printer /scanner. The repaired copy machine's performance needs ongoing monitoring, and a proactive plan for replacement or rotation should be developed to prevent future disruptions to office operations.

- **Minutes approval**
Motion to approve Minutes from July 7 Commissioner Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Horner Seconded. Passed 3-0
- **Payroll Approval**
Motion to approve payroll by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0
- **Claims Approval**
Motion to approve Claims by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0
- **Motion to adjourn** by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0

❖ **ADJOURN**

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Attest: , Auditor
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