

Miami County Commissioners Meeting

November 17, 2025

Meeting Information

Date & Time 11-17-2025 9:00 am

Location: 25. Broadway Peru IN 46970 GAR Room

Attendees:

Commissioner Fred Musselman

Commissioner Brenda Weaver

Commissioner Mark Horner

Chief Deputy Auditor Marci Hasselkus

Meeting Notes

Board of Commissioners Meeting Opening and Agenda

- The Miami County, Indiana Board of Commissioners meeting convened at 9:00 AM on November 17, 2025.
- Brief housekeeping on agenda order; proceeded to first item.

911 Center Phone System Upgrade Proposal: Jessica Freeman and Jessica Arnold

- The current 911 phone system will be unsupported next year; an upgrade is required to maintain operations.
- InDigital provided quotes for Vesta and "Rysilient" (a newer, more user-friendly option).
- Dispatchers tested demos and preferred "Rysilient" for usability and technology.
- Prior customer service issues with Vesta noted; support will be through InDigital, which currently handles county 911 call routing.
- Funding is available; no additional county funds needed.
- Costs: Year 1 \$167,426.07; annual maintenance \$21,168.
- Motion by Commissioner Horner and Commissioner Weaver second
Motion Carried 3-0
Conclusion:

Chris Brooks with Cemetery Board Request for Enclosed Equipment Trailer

- The cemetery board uses peat gravel and small equipment; volunteers hold monthly work days.
- Proposal: purchase a 6x12 enclosed trailer (~\$3,800) to store/transport equipment, protect from weather, and reduce prep time.
- Commissioners proposed an appropriation not to exceed \$2,500 to cover the gap, plates, and related costs this year.
- Storage options discussed (locked, gated facility; annex; inside preferred). Key access limited to designated individuals.
- Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve an appropriation up to \$2,500 from the Commissioners' budget to purchase, plate, and finalize the cemetery trailer this year. Commissioner Horner seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Courtney Alwin , Prosecutor's Office Space Modification

- The Prosecutor's office is adding a position and needs to split a conference room into two offices.
- Funded by the user fee fund; no county money requested.
- Estimate under \$25,000; same contractor as prior Title IV-D work to match finishes.
- Plan: add wall/door(s); door placement depends on wall composition (concrete or not).
- Request for after-hours work to avoid disruption; temporary key access needed.
- Commissioner Horner made a motion to approve contracting for the office split, including after-hours work with temporary access. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Janice Hughes: Storage Space Request for Homeless Miami Group

- Homeless Miami needs temperature-controlled storage near town for supplies (water, snacks, tables).
- Request for secured access with limited keys (about three designated individuals).
- Commissioners will explore available county spaces (annex/courthouse) after the meeting; formal key approval may be needed later.
- Commissioners will review potential spaces post-meeting; no formal action taken.

Jennifer Hopkins: Employee Insurance: Life and Short-Term Disability

Provider Change

- Current provider: Sun Life; county pays for all full-time employees from the medical fund.

- Annual costs: \$16,033 for \$10,000 life insurance per employee and short-term disability.
- Proposal from National Insurance Services with a 21% discount on life and 19% on short-term disability.
- NIS offers hands-on support for beneficiaries and claims; Sun Life lacks comparable support.
- Expected savings: life insurance down to \$13,800; Sun Life rates have increased in recent years.
- Commissioner Horner made a motion to approved switching to National Insurance Services. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, Motion carried 3-0

Museum Emergency Repairs Approval

- Museum emergency/maintenance issues: backflow valve (2") \$2,096; 3" pipe leak \$2,698; planned backflow valve upgrade \$3,810.
- Total approximately \$8,000; emergent leak required immediate action.
- Estimates provided; approval requested to proceed.
Conclusion:
- Commissioner Horner made a motion to approved museum repairs from the Cum Courthouse fund. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion Carried 3-0

Emergency Management and Sheriff Updates

- Herb Hunt gave an update on the Sirens: new installation at Eagles Point; updates applied; awaiting data due to minor equipment issues.

Administrative Approvals and Reports

- Sheriff's Department commissary reports for September and October received and noted.
- Minutes from November 3, 2025 were approved. Commissioner Horner motioned, Seconded by Commissioner Weaver, motion carried 3-0
- Payroll approved, Commissioner Weaver motioned, Seconded by Commissioner Horner. motion carried 3-0
- Claims approved. Commissioner Weaver motioned, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, motion carried 3-0
- **Motion to adjourn** by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0

1. ADJOURN

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Brenda Weaver, Vice Chairman
Brenda Weaver

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Attest: *Annette Phillippo*, Auditor
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