

**MARSHALL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of Marshall County, Indiana, met for a regular meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room 203, 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana at 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2026. Present were Commissioners, Stan Klotz, Jesse Bohannon, and Adam Faulstich; County Attorney Sean Surrisi; and County Auditor Angela C. Birchmeier. The meeting was streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>. The invocation was given by Brandon Ritchie, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, the meeting was called to order, and the business at hand was heard.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to retain Stan Klotz as President and Jesse Bohannon as Vice President of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners for 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public input on agenda items was heard.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Department Superintendent Jason Peters presented two (2) aerial requests from Brightspeed of Indiana, LLC, for the purpose of placing aerial fiber optic cable, as follows:

1. Permit No. 035377: On Plymouth-Goshen Trail, between Lilac Road and Plymouth-Goshen Trail, in Center Township.
2. Permit No. 035376: On 7B Road, east of Lilac Road, in Center Township.

Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve both aerial requests from Brightspeed, of Indiana, LLC, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Peters presented five (5) road bore requests from Comcast Cable for the purpose of providing service to customers, as follows:

1. Work Order # PTC-487066: At 19037 7B Road in West Township.
2. Work Order # PTC-529790: At 5024 and 5034 Redwood Road in Polk Township.
3. Work Order # PTC-621939: At 16880 6th Road in Polk Township.
4. Work Order # PTC-533676: 16600 4B Road in Polk Township.
5. Work Order # PTC-537220: At 5085 Rose Road in Polk Township.

Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the five road bore requests from Comcast Cable, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Peters presented four (4) road surface cuts, road bore, and right-of-way cut requests from Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), for the purposes of replacing aging infrastructure and installing new service, as follows:

1. Work Order #4000091498: On 9A Road, King Road, and 11th Road, in Center Township.
2. At 6614 Plymouth-Laporte Trail, between 6B Road and 7B Road, in Polk Township.

3. Work Order #4000052448: On Taft Street, 8th Road, Union Road, 9th Road, 9C Road, and Lincoln Highway, in West Township.

4. On 17th Road and Dewey Street, between Linden Road and US 31, in Green Township.

Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the four (4) road surface cuts, road bore, and right-of-way cut requests from NIPSCO, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Peters presented five (5) road bore requests from Comcast Cable for the purpose of providing internet to customers, as follows:

1. Work Order No. PTC-435729: At 19361 Lincoln Highway, in West Township.
2. Work Order No. PTC-440331: At 18772 6B Road, in Polk Township.
3. Work Order No. PTC-440152: At 20741 6B Road in Polk Township.
4. Work Order No. PTC-446510: At 6337 Underwood Road, in Polk Township.
5. Work Order No. PTC-533086: at 19549 7th Road, in West Township.

Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the five road bore requests from Comcast Cable, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Peters provided an update on the following projects:

Bridge 1, Ule Road (Local Project): The project is complete and the bridge is open.

Bridge 232, Randolph Street: All work has been completed.

Bridge 87, 11th Road: Des No. 1702839. No update.

Bridge 231, Center Street, Bremen: DLZ update provided: (1) We are still awaiting the INDOT prepared memo that will go out to all parties that will officially reclassify the bridge from "Non-Select" to "Select". We continue to reach out to INDOT for a status. (2) The County received a notice, dated December 11, 2025, from IDNR that Bridge 231 has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board will consider the nomination during their meeting on January 14, 2026. As the owner, this is your opportunity to concur with or object to the nomination. At the Commissioners request, DLZ would prepare a response to be submitted at the meeting. The format would be similar to that what was prepared for INDOT with some modifications as required. (3) Currently, the project has a letting date of August 2027. This is expected to be revised. DLZ Director of Business Development Andy Kostielney discussed the reclassification. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to request DLZ prepare the response on behalf of the Board of Commissioners opposing the bridge reclassification from Non-Select to Select and present it to the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board at the January 14th meeting. Motion carried 3-0.**

Bridge 88, 12th Road east of Olive Trail: The date of letting is January 14, 2029. Construction Engineering draft was submitted on June 18, 2025. Comments were received from the draft; modifications have been made and resubmitted.

Bridge 108, East 7th Road: The date of letting is February 12, 2030. No update.

Bridge Inspections 2022-2025 Phase II: No update.

Bridge Inspections 2026-2029: DES No. 2300183. No updates.

Mill Pond Dam Improvements: A walk through will be scheduled with DLZ to discuss any additional work needed.

Community Crossings 2025-01: The project is closed.

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG): The project is closed.

HSIP Countywide Striping Initiative: DES No. 2401543. No updates.

Bridge 2540, Michigan Road Rehabilitation: A presentation is scheduled for January 8th.

Road Program: Discussion was held concerning the inclement weather and treatment of the roads.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Lease Agreement: Community Corrections Director Beau Holcomb explained the lease expired on December 31, 2025 and will need additional time before renovations at the new building are complete. A verbal agreement was reached with Coldwell Real Estate for a month-to-month lease of \$3,000 per month. Director Holcomb requested permission to continue a month-to-month agreement and expects the timeframe to be six months. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve Community Corrections continuing a month-to-month lease in the sum of \$3,000 per month for a period up to six months. Motion carried 3-0.**

ROBERT BOWEN

Robert Bowen, 2791 2B Road, Bremen, explained that he is selling 1.43 acres and is requesting approval of right-of-way access on 2B Road. He explained that the Town of Bremen has approved The Bowen 2B Road Minor Subdivision and presented the addendum for approval.

Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the Bowen 2B Road Minor Subdivision right-of-way access, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

CASA

Ordinance 2026-5(1): An Ordinance Establishing a Donation Fund for CASA: CASA Director Chastity Keller explained that CASA of Marshall County has transitioned from the nonprofit organization, the bank account has been closed and needs a fund to deposit the remaining nonprofit cash balance of \$3,835.55. She requested approval of Ordinance 2026-5(1): An Ordinance Establishing a Donation Fund for CASA, under fund number 4102. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve Ordinance 2026-5(1): An Ordinance Establishing a Donation Fund for CASA on first reading. Motion carried 3-0.**

Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2026-5(1): An Ordinance Establishing a Donation Fund for CASA on second and third readings. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Surrisi did not have anything to report.

AUDITOR REPORT

December 15, 2025 Minutes: Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve December 15, 2025 minutes, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

December 15, 2025 Executive Session Minutes: The December 15, 2025 Council Executive Session Minutes were presented to the Commissioners in error, nullifying the motion made by Jesse Bohannon, and second by Adam Faulstich.

December 22, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes: Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve December 22, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

December 31, 2025 Minutes: Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve December 31, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the accounts payable claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll Claims: Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the payroll claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Cender Dalton Financial Consultant Annual Services Agreement: Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the Cender Dalton Financial Consultant Annual Services Agreement, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Concierge Medicine of Marshall County Proposal for Services: Dan Tanner presented the Concierge Medicine of Marshall County Proposal for Services for consideration. Following discussion concerning terms of the agreement and administration of the program, Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the Concierge Medicine of Marshall County Proposal for Services, to allow Concierge Medicine to begin an employee outreach campaign immediately, with services being offered effective February 1, 2026, pending Council approval of a transfer of funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to authorize the Board President to identify account lines and transfer \$50,000 into the Health Clinic account line.
Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board, **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

Stan Klotz, President

Jesse Bohannon, Vice President

ATTEST: _____
Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor

Adam Faulstich, Member