

**MARSHALL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 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 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Present were Commissioners, President Stan Klotz, Vice President; Jesse Bohannon; and Member Adam Faulstich; County Attorney Sean Surrisi; and County Auditor Angela C. Birchmeier. The meeting streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>. Brandon Ritchie gave the prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, the President called the meeting to order and the business at hand was heard.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The attendees did not have public input on agenda items.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

J&K Communications, Inc.: Sales Representative Adam Hurley provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Nexedge Digital Systems, a Kenwood handheld radio system. The proposal includes fifty-five mobile units and eight portable units. Mr. Hurley stated that a coverage study has been completed and the infrastructure is established. The system comes with a three-year warranty. The cost estimate is \$300,000, and lease options are available. Superintendent Peters explained that the current system has so many issues that they are using cell phones and relaying information. He further explained that he would need to review the budget to determine the funding source.

Highway Department Superintendent Jason Peters presented two (2) road bore requests from Comcast Cable, for the purpose of providing service to customers, as follows:

1. Work Order #PTC-679247: At 14271 7B Road, in Center Township.
2. Work Order #PTC-692847: At 18871 W 4B Road, in Polk Township.

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

Superintendent Peters presented a road bore request from CNS Networks on behalf of Brightspeed of Indiana, LLC, (PMT 036935) on US 31, between US 31 and Plymouth-Goshen Trail, in Center Township, for the purpose of placing conduit. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the road bore request from CNS Networks, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters provided an update on the following projects:

Bridge 231, Center Street, Bremen: The date of letting is August, 2027. The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board considered the Indiana Department of Natural Resources nomination to reclassify the bridge as "select" at their meeting on January 14th. DLZ notified the Highway Department that the Committee took a vote to inform the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to support "select" status and add the bridge to the National Register of Historic Places.

Bridge 88, 12th Road east of Olive Trail: The date of letting is January 14, 2029. The Highway Department submitted the Quarterly Reports, and the project is on schedule.

Bridge 108, East 7th Road: The date of letting is February 12, 2030. The Highway Department submitted the Quarterly Reports, and the project is on schedule.

Bridge Inspections 2022-2025 Phase II: No update.

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

Bridge 232, Randolph Street: No update.

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

Mill Pond Dam Improvements: The Highway Department met with DLZ representatives. The completed work looks good; the brush will continue to be mowed preventing trees and vegetation from growing, voids will need to be filled in the right-of-way, and chain link fence will not be installed. The determination not to install the fence was based on the 100-year flood water cresting the road because a fence would collect debris and restrict the flow.

Bridge 2540, Michigan Road Rehabilitation: The presentation was given on January 8th.

HSIP Countywide Striping Initiative: DES No. 2401543. Superintendent Peters presented an LPA-Consulting Contract between Marshall County and United Consulting with the maximum amount payable of \$40,000 for Construction Inspection. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the LPA Consulting Contract between Marshall County and United Consulting, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Inclement Weather: Superintendent Peters provided an update concerning the inclement weather from January 12th through January 20th.

Road Work: The crews have been plowing and treating snow covered roads, patching potholes, working on gravel roads, trimming brush, and making equipment repairs. The department is stockpiling stone, working on the 2026 road program, and long term equipment replacement/upgrade plan.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs District Service Officer, Northwest, Mark Gourley provided a compliance report, providing information regarding outstanding claims and answering questions. He stated that our Service Officer Pam Schweizer-Betz is in full compliance with standard accreditations and is meeting all the key performance indicators. He also stated that new legislation allows counties to make interlocal agreements to cover shortages.

MARSHALL COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Marshall County Fire Association President John Grolich requested the Commissioners appropriate the remaining 2025 balance for special projects. He explained that there was \$21,398.01 unspent last year and would like to provide training to positively reinforce mental health for all emergency services, fire, emergency medical, and police. The County Council provided a favorable recommendation at their meeting earlier this month. Following discussion, **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to table the request. Motion carried 3-0.**

CLERK

Microvote: Clerk Jenny Bennett presented the Microvote General Corporation 2026 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029, in the annual amount of \$15,000. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the 2026 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement between Marshall County and Microvote, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

BRYAN STUTLER

Bryan Stutler, 5904 Michigan Road, Plymouth and Lonnie Stutler, 13291 5D Road, Plymouth, expressed concern and requested guidance concerning the drainage in front of their property located at 7469 Michigan Road, Plymouth. The Commissioners held discussion concerning determination of the responsible parties, changes to the neighboring properties, suggested guidance, and the Highway Department evaluating the ditch in the spring, when weather conditions permit.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Sewer District Update: Attorney Surrisi reported that he and County Council Attorney Marcel Lebbin spoke with the Marshall County Regional Sewer District's counsel regarding the dissolution of the district. The district plans to hold a board meeting on January 29, 2026, to approve the last items necessary for the dissolution of the district.

AUDITOR REPORT

January 5, 2026 Minutes: **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the January 5, 2026 minutes, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

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

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

2025 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures: Auditor Angela Birchmeier stated the 2025 County revenues were \$139,163,497.15 and disbursements were \$135,864,474.40. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to accept the Statement of 2025 Revenues and Expenditures, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Brockway, 810 ½ Miner Street, Plymouth, provided input on the Flock Safety cameras.

Don Nunemaker, 14375 Nutmeg Road, Plymouth, provided input on the Flock Safety cameras.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Appointments: **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the appointment of Dr. Rob Holl to the Marshall County Board of Health and Amber Reed to the Marshall County Tourism Commission. Motion carried 3-0.**

Health Department - Cottage Watchman: President Klotz presented a proposal from Cottage Watchman for the installation of new security hardware at 990 Illinois Street, Plymouth in the sum of \$2,360. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the Cottage Watchman proposal, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Weights & Measures – Seraphin Trailer: **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the purchase of the Seraphin Side Access Testing Trailer in the amount of \$45,247 and to authorize 50% down, as a prepayment. Motion carried 3-0.**

Gibson Insurance Commercial Risk Management: **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the Commercial Risk Management & Insurance Proposal from Gibson Insurance, for the policy period January 31, 2026 through January 30, 2027, in the premium amount of \$858,500. Motion carried 3-0.**

Town Hall Meeting: Vice President Bohannon stated that the Board of Commissioners and County Council will be hosting a town hall on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room 203 to discuss General Assembly legislation.

Information Meeting: President Klotz stated that the Board of Commissioners will be hosting representatives of Governor Braun's Office, state legislators, MACOG, and Argos Economic Development Corporation for an informational meeting on Friday, January 30th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board, **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

Stan Klotz, President

Jesse Bohannon, Vice President

ATTEST: _____
Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor

Adam Faulstich, Member