MARSHALL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 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, June 1, 2026. Present were Commissioners, President Stan Klotz, Vice President Jesse Bohannon, Member Adam Faulstich; County Attorney Sean Surrisi; and County Auditor Angela Birchmeier. The meeting streamed live at http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the President called the meeting to order, and the matters at hand were heard.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The attendees did not have public input on agenda items.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Department Superintendent Jason Peters presented two requests from Northern Indiana Public Service Company for right-of-way work, as follows:

1. At the corner of State Highway 331 and 7th Road, in German Township, for the purpose of installing two new bollards.
2. On E. 8th Road and Jarrah Road, between S. Jarrah Road and Iris Road, in Center Township, for the purpose of installing a SCADA monitoring unit and four bollards.

Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the right-of-way work from Northern Indiana Public Service Company, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Peters presented a right-of-way cut request from Brightspeed of Indiana, LLC, on Rose Road, between W. 4th Road and 4B Road, in Polk Township, for the purpose of placing conduit to extend fiber service to customers. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the right-of-way cut request from Brightspeed of Indiana, LLC as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Annual Operational Report: Superintendent Peters stated that the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges for the Year Ended December 31, 2025, has been submitted and accepted.

Asphalt Zipper AZ600: Superintendent Peters requested permission to sell an Asphalt Zipper, model AZ600, to another county in the amount of $130,000. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to allow the sale of the Asphalt Zipper in the amount of $130,000. Motion carried 3-0.**

Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve an Interlocal Agreement regarding the sale of the Asphalt Zipper. Motion carried 3-0.

Republic First National Lease: Superintendent Peters stated that the Highway Subcommittee met to discuss proceeding with the purchase of three new pickup trucks, two new single axle trucks, two new tandem axle trucks, and two used tandem axle trucks in the total amount of $1,588,500. There would be six payments; the first payment due on July 15, 2027 would be for interest only in the

amount of $76,788.09 and beginning January 15, 2028 the annual payment, for five years, would be $356,988.22. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to recommend the Council support the purchase of the equipment from the Cum Cap Development Fund. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters presented two quotes from Truck Centers, Inc. for the two new single axle trucks ($498,139) and the two new tandem axle trucks ($536,921) and explained that to secure the equipment a letter of intent would need to be submitted to Truck Centers, Inc. He further explained that he is still waiting for the formal estimates for the three new pickup trucks and two used tandem axle trucks. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to allow the President to sign both quotes from Truck Centers, Inc. and letter of intent on behalf of the Board, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Tile Jetter: Superintendent Peters further explained that the 2002 Tile Jetter is need of repair at a minimum cost of $12,045.77 and the equipment is valued between $5,000 and $8,000. During the Highway Subcommittee meeting, the members discussed the purchase of a 2022 Vaccon Vector VJ750 Trailer Jet from Brown Equipment Company in the amount of $65,000 from the Cum Bridge Fund. Superintendent Peters presented Vehicle Quote #Q19076 in the sum of $59,000; a trade-in discount of $6,000 was applied to the purchase price. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to allow the President to accept the quote and sign on behalf of the Board, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Community Crossing 2026-02: Superintendent Peters provided an update on the road projects, as follows:

- 12B Road, from US 30 to town limits, has been completed.
- Muckshaw Road, from 18B Road to SR 10, has been completed.
- 14B Road, from SR 17 to County Line, the shoulders will be completed this week.
- 15th Road, from railroad to County Line, has been completed.

Superintendent Peters stated that once 14B Road is complete, the shoulder stone will be added and then the roads will be striped.

Dust Control: Superintendent Peters stated that they should be completing the dust control process this week.

Bridge 2540, Michigan Road Rehabilitation: DES No. 2501452. Superintendent Peters stated that he is working on the fee justification. The final reviews should be submitted to the Indiana Department of Transportation for review.

Bridge 231, Center Street, Bremen: The date of letting is 2030. Superintendent Peters stated that because of the reclassification, federal funds for the project have been moved out to future fiscal years. Right-of-Way matching funds are scheduled in FY2028 and the Construction Funds in FY2030. Recent work activities include completion of the Historic Bridge Alternatives Analysis (HBBA) that includes restoration of the arch bridge. The final report is in quality review and will be resubmitted to the Indiana Department of Transportation for their review this week. Upon approval of the HBBA, NEPA activities will restart and design tasks will begin to reflect a restoration project.

Bridge 88, 12th Road east of Olive Trail: DES No. 2201676. The date of letting is 2029. Superintendent Peters stated that the Right-of-Way Agreement for the LPA Consultant has been accepted by the Indiana Department of Transportation and the fully executed agreement has been received.

Bridge 108, East 7th Road: The date of letting is February 12, 2030. Superintendent Peters stated the environmental phase is still on schedule to be approved prior to the land acquisitions.

Bridge Inspections 2022-2025 Phase II: DES No. 2101055. No updates provided.

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

Bridge 81, Mitigation Site: No updates provided.

Bridge 87, 11th Road: DES No. 1702839. No updates provided.

Bridge 232, Randolph Street: No updates provided.

Mill Pond Dam Improvements: No updates provided.

HSIP Countywide Striping Initiative: DES No. 2401543/Contract #T-46041. Superintendent Peters stated that all work has been completed, and he is anticipating receipt of the final invoice.

Equipment-Emulsion Tank: Superintendent Peters stated the concrete has been poured and they plan to begin sealing projects next week.

Traffic Safety: Vice President Bohannon expressed concern after hearing that a subcontractor did not have adequate traffic safety precautions in place. Superintendent Peters requested those concerns be forwarded to him to be addressed.

MVH Funding: **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to allow Superintendent Peters to present a request to Council to support $1 million in additional funding to cover the shortfall to complete road projects**

LAPAZ-NORTH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMNT

LaPaz-North Township Fire Chief Matthew Haskins presented an application for the Public Safety Grant Program. He explained that they are seeking a $50,000 reimbursement to cover the cost of purchasing 20 new radios. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the request for $50,000 reimbursement under the Public Safety Grant Program, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

CULVER UNION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMNT

Culver Town Manager Kevin Danti and Culver Union Township Fire Chief Robert Cooper presented an application for the Public Safety Grant Program. They explained that they are seeking a $50,000 reimbursement to purchase equipment for a new truck. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the request for $50,000 reimbursement under the Public Safety Grant Program, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

ATTORNEY REPORT

Tower Antenna Agreement. Attorney Surrisi advised that he has been working with Fourway Computer Products, Inc. on a potential extension of the existing Lease for Antenna Space. He provided a draft lease document to Fourway last week for review. The terms proposed were for an additional three (3) years at the rate of $515 per tower per month, with the lease beginning August 1st. He will await response from Fourway and hopes to have the agreement back before the Commissioners for approval at their next meeting. The agreement would also require approval of the Health Board.

Asphalt Zipper: Auditor Birchmeier questioned if the document related to the sale of the Asphalt Zipper was a Memorandum of Understanding or a Resolution. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to table the Sale of the Asphalt Zipper until the next Commissioner meeting. Motion carried 3-0.**

AUDITOR REPORT

May 18, 2026 Minutes: **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the May 18, 2026 minutes, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

May 18, 2026 Executive Session Minutes: **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the May 18, 2026 executive session 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

Bill Woodward, 10294 Peach Road, Plymouth, expressed appreciation for the quick response to a road condition report.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Budget Items: President Klotz discussed options for the 2027 Cum Cap Development Fund budget. Members discussed the Linden Road project.

SoVan Media: Vice President Bohannon invited Sarah VanVactor Founder and CEO of SoVan Media, to present a One Year Communications & Public Awareness Proposal. The partnership is focused on increasing transparency, public engagement, and awareness surrounding county highway and road operations. The purpose of this partnership is to proactively communicate road projects, maintenance efforts, infrastructure improvements, and taxpayer-funded investments to the public through strategic media coverage, photography, videography, social media management, and reporting support. The one-year trial partnership would be a $15,600 annual investment.

Upcoming Deadline: Member Faulstich stated that the OCRA Owner Occupied Housing Project applications are due on June 15th. He also stated that June 15th is also the deadline to appeal property tax assessments.

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation: Vice President Bohannon expressed concern about that amount of funding provided to the Marshall County Economic Development Commission with an autorenewal clause on the contract. **Jesse Bohannon moved to provide notice to Marshall County Economic Development Corporation that the agreement will terminate on December 31, 2026.** Following discussion, Jesse Bohannon rescinded the motion.

Joint Work Session: A Commissioner and Council Joint Work Session will be held on Monday, June 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room 203.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board, **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

Stan Klotz, President

Jesse Bohannon, Vice President

ATTEST: _____
Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor

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Adam Faulstich, Member