**MARSHALL COUNTY**
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
**MEETING MINUTES**
**JUNE 15, 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., Monday, June 15, 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 a right-of-way cut request from Northern Indiana Public Service Company at 11086 4A Road, between Lilac Road and 4B Road, in North Township, for the installation of SCADA monitoring unit and five bollards. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the right-of-way cut request from Northern Indiana Public Service Company, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters presented a request from Jones, Petrie, Rafinski, on Bowen Ave/Fir Road, between Stock Street and 3rd Road, in German Township, for the purpose of installing a water main. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the request from Jones, Petrie, Rafinski, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters presented three road bore and right-of-way cut requests from Comcast Cable to install new CATV cable for new service, as follows:

1. At 7855 Redwood Road in West Township.
2. At 5023 Sage Road in North Township.
3. At 14152 7th Road in North Township.

**Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the three road bore and right-of-way cut requests from Comcast Cable, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters presented a road bore request from MCC Network Services, LLC, on Lincoln Highway/US 30 and S. Apple Road, in Bourbon Township, for the purpose of installing fiber optic cable. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the request from MCC Network Services, LLC, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters presented a road surface cut, road bore, and right-of-way cut request from CSL Technology, on 9B Road, between Union Road and S. Upas Road, in West Township, for the purpose of placing fiber to provide new services. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the request from CSL Technology, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters presented eight requests from CNS Networks on behalf of Brightspeed of Indiana, LLC, as follows:

1. Permit 050449: On Pear Road, between 7th Road and 6th Road, in North Township, for the purpose of placing conduit.
2. Permit 050460: At 18549 6B Road, between Tamarack Road and Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, in Polk Township, for the purpose of placing conduit.
3. Permit 050448: At 6th Road, between Queen Road and Pear Road, in Polk Township, for the purpose of installing fiber optic cable.
4. Permit 050450: On Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, between Sage Road and 6th Road, in Polk Township, for the purpose of placing conduit.
5. Permit 050445: On 4B Road, between Queen Road and Redwood Road, in Polk Township, for the purpose of installing fiber optic cable.
6. Permit 050457: On Redwood Road, between Lincolnway and 9B Road, in West Township, for the purpose of installing fiber optic cable.
7. Permit 050447: On Queen Road, between 7th Road and Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, in West Township, for the purpose of installing fiber optic cable.
8. Permit 050451: On Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, between US 30 and 7th Road, in West Township, for the purpose of installing fiber optic cable.

**Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the eight requests from CNS Networks on behalf of Brightspeed of Indiana, LLC, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Bridge 2540, Michigan Road Rehabilitation: DES No. 2501452. Superintendent Peters and Katie Richert, CPSM, USI Consultants, Inc. presented an LPA-Consulting Contract in an amount not to exceed $806,600. The term of the contract shall be from the date of the last signature affixed to the contract to the completion of the construction contract, which is estimated to be December 31, 2031. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the Consulting contract between Marshall County and USI Consultants, Inc., as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution 2026-5: A Joint Resolution of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners and the St. Joseph County Highway Department Approving the Transfer of Personal Property: Superintendent Peters presented Resolution 2026-5 for approval. Pursuant to I.C. 5-22-22-10, in consideration of $130,000 Marshall County agrees to transfer to the St. Joseph County Highway Department a 2014 Asphalt Zipper AZ 600, serial/VIN 60000189. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve Resolution 2026-5: A Joint Resolution of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners and the St. Joseph County Highway Department Approving the Transfer of Personal Property, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Republic First National – Truck Centers, Inc.: Superintendent Peters presented a "New" Vehicle Purchase Order from Truck Centers, Inc., for two (2) 2027 single axle trucks and two (2) tandem axle trucks in the total sum of $1,034,810. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to ratify the Board President's signature on the Truck Centers, Inc. purchase order, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Republic First National – Pickup Truck Estimates: Superintendent Peters presented two estimates for a standard cab and crew cab pickup trucks. The estimate from Ford is $47,545 for a 2027 F250 4x4 Regular Cab and $105,570 ($52,785 each) for two 2027 Ford F250 Crew Cab. The estimate from Dodge for the standard cab is $45,619 and $48,933 for the crew cab. Superintendent Peters

explained that he would prefer purchasing the Ford trucks because of the heavier payload, better fuel economy, and military grade aluminum body, minimizing salt damage and rusting.
**Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the purchase of three Ford trucks in the total sum of $153,115 and to allow Superintendent Peters and President to sign the Purchase Order on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3-0.**

Tile Jetter: Superintendent Peters clarified from the prior meeting that the 2002 Jetter was traded in for a 2022 Vaccon Vector VJ750 Trailer Jet.

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, has been completed.
- 15th Road, from railroad to County Line, has been completed.

Superintendent Peters stated that work has been completed and will be working on the closeout over the next few weeks.

Dust Control: Superintendent Peters stated that they are working to complete dust control this week.

Bridge 231, Center Street, Bremen: The date of letting is 2030. No updates provided.

Bridge 88, 12th Road east of Olive Trail: DES No. 2201676. The date of letting is 2029. Superintendent Peters stated that the Request for Federal Authorization (FMIS) will be submitted in July.

Bridge 108, East 7th Road: The date of letting is February 12, 2030. Superintendent Peters stated that he is working on the utilities conflict analysis letters.

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. No updates provided

Equipment-Emulsion Tank: Superintendent Peters stated the concrete has been poured and they plan to set the tank in the next few weeks.

Storm Damage: Superintendent Peters stated the crew had been out due to storm damage.

Republic First National – Pickup Truck Estimates-Continued: **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to modify the prior motion on purchasing the pickup trucks from Ford at the higher estimated amount, based on reasons provided by Superintendent Peters as aluminum body, fuel efficiency, and less risk. Motion carried 3-0.**

MVH Funding: The members discussed MVH long-term funding sustainability and utilizing the Local Road & Streets fund.

## MUSEUM

Museum Executive Director Sandy Garrison, Assistant Director Iris Fry, and Marshall County Historical Society Board President Mike Miley presented the quarterly report. They presented the Board with a copy of the Crossroads newsletters, Historical Society Board of Trustees minutes, and PowerPoint presentation. They highlighted the number of visitors, volunteer hours, events, and activities.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Steve Gorski, on behalf of American Legion Post 27 explained that the American Legion provides an all-volunteer service for honoring veterans who have passed. The American Legion Honor Guards are ceremonial units dedicated to providing military honors at veteran funerals, patriotic events, and community ceremonies. Their duties include presenting the colors, performing flag-folding ceremonies, firing rifle volleys, and playing Taps at memorial services. Post 27 performs up to 50 memorial ceremonies a year throughout the county. He further explained that placing flags on graves is a long-standing tradition to honor and remember military veterans who have served and sacrificed for their country. Flags on graves serve as a symbol of respect, gratitude, and remembrance for those who served in the military, particularly those who died in service to the United States. Mr. Gorski requested a favorable recommendation from the Board of Commissioners to the County Council for $1,500 in the 2027 budget to help cover the cost of the flags and standards, to continue the services provided by the honor guard. Discussion was held.

## PLAN COMMISSION

Plan Commission Director Nicholas Witwer presented Ordinance 2026:13: An Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Commonly Known As "The Marshall County Zoning Ordinance 2007-10", as Amended. The Plan Commission did conduct a public hearing on May 28, 2026 concerning the addition of Article 13 Definitions, Section 10, Definitions: Agrivoltaics – A Solar Energy System (SES), see definition in this section, combining agriculture and solar energy collection co-located on the same land as a combined use. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve Ordinance 2026-13: An Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Commonly Known as "The Marshall County Zoning Ordinance 2007-10", as Amended, as presented on first reading. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2026-13: An Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Commonly Known as "The Marshall County Zoning Ordinance 2007-10", as Amended, as presented on second and third reading. Motion carried 3-0.**

## CASA

CASA Director Chastity Keller presented a request to apply for the Matching Grant in the amount of $15,843. The Matching Grant award is based on the statutory formula as outlined in I.C. 33-24-6-4 *et. seq.* The amount of the Matching Grant can vary from year to year, it is based on CHINS filings in both Marshall County and across the state. The grant does require a local county match of 85% of $13,467 (Director salary) and a 15% in-kind contribution (office space, internet, etc.).

Director Keller presented a request to apply for the Capacity Building Grant in the amount of $6,793. The Capacity Grant is discretionary and must be used to build the capacity of the program to serve more children and eliminate the number of children waiting for a GAL/CASA. This grant does not require matching funds.

**Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the request for CASA to apply for the Matching Grant, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the request for CASA to apply for the Capacity Building Grant, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

## ASSESSOR

Assessor Peter Paul requested the appointment of Kelly Einspahr to the PTABOA Board to fill the unexpired term of Gloria Niedbalski, ending December 31, 2027. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to appoint Kelly Einspahr to the PTABOA Board, as requested. 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 has been in negotiations with company representative Quenten Gawronski and hopes to have a further update at a future meeting.

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) Agreement: Attorney Surrisi advised that he has had the opportunity to review the County's Service Agreement with MCEDC. The agreement became effective on January 1, 2010, for a one year Initial Term, and it continues to renew for annual one year periods each year on January 1st. The Agreement provides that "if consulting services are to cease, or the consulting fee is to be altered, that the parties shall provide notice of such prior to the anniversary date of the Renewal Term."

## AUDITOR REPORT

June 1, 2026 Minutes: **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the June 1, 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.**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall County Fire Association President John Grolich and Polk Township Fire Department Chief Ray Platz requested the Board to release the Public Safety Grant funds for Polk and Tippecanoe Townships, even though the education requirements were not met last year. The board held discussion.

## COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Weights & Measures: President Klotz explained that Weights & Measures Inspector Jerry Huss is retiring. The Board has taken applications and interviewed applicants. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to extend an offer of employment to Bill Einspahr. Motion carried 3-0.**

2027 Budget and Wage Recommendations: **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faultich, to recommend a 3% wage increase for calendar year 2027. Motion carried 3-0.**

Election Board – Contract for Employment of Attorney: **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to approve the Contract for Employment of Attorney between the Marshall County Election Board and Wagner & Wagner, LLC, and allow the Election Board members to sign on behalf of the County. Motion carried 3-0.**

Henriott Insurance: Vice President Bohannon stated that Henriott Insurance has requested statistical information from Marshall County and requested President Klotz sign the authorization to release the information. **Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to request President Klotz sign a release of information to Henriott Insurance for the County's employee medical insurance plan. 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 10:52 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

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Stan Klotz, President

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Jesse Bohannon, Vice President

ATTEST: _____ _____
Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor Adam Faulstich, Member