

JUNE 9, 2025

The Jay County Commissioners met in session on Monday, June 9th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Duane Monroe, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Chad Aker, president, presiding. Duane Monroe made a motion to approve the minutes from May 27th, 2025 as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

LIFESTREAM

Kevin DeCamp, project manager, came to the commissioners with a revised 1st quarter claim for \$180,391 due to a date change. The paperwork included the claim and FTA assurances. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB

Darlesia Lee, assistant director ECIRPD, came to commissioners to give an update on the Owner-Occupied Rehab (OOR). The 3rd and final round, that includes 35 homes, have been sent out for bid. AirXRay is still going out, but most everyone is up to date in the process.

ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT

Bill Walters, Director, came to the commissioners to give a semi-annual update on operations. The economic development strategy should be finished by the end of July. The Safer Streets for All (SS4A) grant's first steering committee meeting was well attended and are hoping for even more public engagement as they move forward. They did not receive the EPA grant, as it went to Marion. However, there still could be other funding opportunities for Brownfield work in the county.

Mr. Walters gave a brief update on broadband and informed commissioners Autumn Marshall from AmeriCorps will be with them until the end of August. She has been working with the Jay County Broadband digital taskforce. There has been a shift in state administration and money which has changed BEAD and other like programs. All necessary paperwork has been completed for Bryant, Pennville and Salamonina in regards to the CCMG (Community Crossings Matching Grant). It will be ready to submit by the towns once the new guidelines are established, most likely for Spring 2026.

ECI RPD is continuing their program with interns from Taylor University and Ball State University working in the four-county region of Delaware, Jay, Grant, and Blackford. This is helping to involve citizens at a younger age. They have completed another grant workshop for local businesses and entities. In 2025, they have submitted grants for \$112,854 and have been awarded \$62,000. ECI RPD sponsored a golf tournament that raised \$11,000 to be split amongst organizations in the four-county region. There have been community spotlights on their webpage for Greazy Pickle and Pennville Custom Cabinetry.

A community development coordinator, currently Darlesia Lee, has been active in the community working with all cities and towns. She has been working on the Jay County Mural Project. They originally applied for 2-3 grants before deciding to move forward with crowdfunding. Mr. Walters spoke about working on the county capital improvement project and the request for proposals for both the new Solid Waste Building and a new Public Safety Building.

Lastly, Mr. Walters spoke about the Innovation Connector program that works on international development and their "soft-landing" designation. They have been successful in Delaware County with 11 companies and will be establishing two from Italy this year. The "soft-landing" designation allows businesses to have a smooth transition by providing connections in the community. He reported they are only one of eight with the designation in the United States.

HIGHWAY

Bob Howell, superintendent, gave commissioners a monthly update on operations. They will start chip and seal tomorrow, weather permitting. However, they will still work on soft spots in the road prior to road conversion. The new grader and second dump truck arrived last week and should be in operation in July.

A supplemental agreement with EGIS for their bridge inspection contract was presented for commissioner approval. The contract would be for an additional \$90,000 over the four-year term. EGIS requested the change following new regulations passed down from the federal highway administration requiring additional data to be inputted. Mr. Monroe questioned if any prior notice was provided by the federal government before the original contract was signed in November 2024. Tyler Wolf, Bridge Department Manager from EGIS, explained while there had been rumors, INDOT had not provided any guidance or training. INDOT has since released four memos on additional items required.

Mr. Wolf reported they will start their bridge inspections in September and October of this year. As the state refines it moving forward, he might be back to revisit it again at some point. While the bridge inspection is reimbursed at 80% by INDOT, they will have to turn in the supplemental agreement soon or it will affect the turnaround of the contracts. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement with EGIS. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The commissioners briefly discussed the federal award for bridge #177 and #178 out on 300 E. EGIS explained they are timber slabs and will continue to monitor them to see if repairs are required before the 2030 grant award. Mr. Howell presented three quotes for both cameras and GPS equipment in department vehicles. They were from Brigade in Portland for \$28,451.90, Samsara \$24,847.10 annually with a 3–5-year contract, or LinkUP for \$25,800 with a 3-year agreement, 25,990.60 per year (*HD Fleet*). The prices are expected to increase in the future. The department recommends going with Samsara for the equipment. Doug Horn made a motion to table the discussion until liability insurance has time to review the system. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2025-09

RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN BY FARMER'S STATE BANK

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jay County Commissioners hereby approve a loan by The Farmers State Bank in the amount of \$300,389.34 with an interest at 5.9% per annum for a term of 4 years for a motor grader for the Jay County Highway Department is hereby approved. Loan payments will be due annually. All statutory requirements for the acquisition of the grader and the approval of this loan have been met. The commissioners will sign all necessary loan documents. Duane Monroe made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09 as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JCDC

An agreement with Jay County Development Corporation for services from July 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025 was presented for commissioner approval. The agreement would be for \$50,000 as approved at their May 27th, 2025 meeting. Duane Monroe made a motion to approve the agreement with JCDC as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET 2026

The commissioners discussed setting a date for 2026 funding requests. As the council pushed back the start a month, July 13th would be a month from the original deadline of June 13th. If they were due July 11th the commissioners would meet on the 14th and could decide to set a date for review. Duane Monroe made a motion to set the deadline for July 11th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS BIDS

At 10:00 a.m. the commissioners opened bids for Safety Communications systems as advertised. Barry Ritter, Ritter Strategic Solutions was available to answer any questions and take the bids under review. There were two bids received one from Motorola Solutions and one from J&K Communications. They were required to submit one hard copy and seven thumb drives. No pricing was read as to not be misleading in the final price. Doug Horn made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Ritter will hold a meeting with the committee to review in June, and will have a recommendation for commissioners in July.

EMA

Samantha Rhodelanel, director, came to the commissioners to give a quarterly update on operations. All HMEP classes are complete. She will finalize the LEPC grant on August 26th and invited commissioners to attend. The multi-hazard mitigation plan is still on hold from the federal government. Ms. Rhodelanel provided a list of various meetings attended over the quarter. The yearly maintenance on the courthouse tornado siren was completed and the battery backups were replaced. The Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has removed all their supplies from storage in the county and declared the bird flu resolved.

SHERIFF

Larry “Ray” Newton, sheriff briefly discussed a new ordinance with commissioners regarding prisoner fees. Emily Franks, auditor, had concerns depositing DOC reimbursement monies into the new fund based on guidance from State Board of Accounts. Mr. Newton will review with the sheriff’s association and return to the commissioners at a later date. They have received the transport van and will have the camera system installed soon.

The annual agreement with Jay School Corporation regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO) was presented for commissioner approval. Mr. Newton noted the clothing allowance had increased from \$900 to \$1,300 and the county had purchased \$13,500 for body and car cameras for the officer. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the agreement with the SRO pending an update of appendix B. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

TOURISM COMMISSION

The commissioners wanted to clarify they appoint members to the Jay County Tourism Commission and not the Tourism Board. They previously approved Missy Puterbaugh and JaneAnn Runyon, but would need to appoint a third member, Doug Horn. Duane Monroe made a motion to appoint all three to the Jay County Tourism Commission. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

The payroll docket was presented for commissioners’ approval. Duane Monroe made a motion to approve the payroll docket as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The county home report for May was presented for commissioners’ approval. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the report as presented. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The monthly treasurer’s report for May was presented for commissioner approval. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the report as presented. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The annual covered bridge certification to the state was presented for commissioner approval. The county certified they had no covered bridges in the county. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the report as presented. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The commissioners reminded those present their next meeting for June 23rd, 2025 had been moved to June 30th, 2025. There will be a special session at 4:00 p.m. on June 23rd, 2025 to open OOR bids and take them under advisement.

Paperwork from Comcast business to transfer the Extension Office's internet out to the fairgrounds for \$224.15 was presented for commissioner approval. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the transfer. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Heather Weaver, former housekeeper/supervisor for the retirement center has since gone to part time and needs removed from their bank accounts. Duane Monroe made a motion to remove her from any Jay County Retirement Center/Jay County Country Living bank accounts. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Emergency Claims from BOKF, NA \$365,500 for the jail bond, Indiana County Auditor's Association \$400 to attend training, The Farmers State Bank, Grader down payment \$65,000, Innovative Concepts \$3200 for the noise deadening panels. Three AirXray Claims related to the OOR program for \$792, \$891, \$297, Matrix Integration for \$4,035 related to labor for the 2 new firewalls, Mustard Seed Remodeling \$13,435.06 for work on the men's restroom at the county home, and to First Financial Bank \$17,746.02 for an equipment loan payment. Duane Monroe made a motion to approve the emergency claims. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Monroe questioned if the county had looked into the old Vormohr building that was for sale around \$500,000 to house a new public safety building. Mr. Aker reported they had previously looked at the location, but did not purchase due to location.

Mr. Aker reported a recent trip to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation regarding the READI 2.0 project and hopes to see things moving fairly quickly.

With no further business, Duane Monroe made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m.; Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chad Aker

Duane Monroe

Doug Horn

Attest: Jay County Auditor

June 9, 2025 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Jay County Commissioners met in session on Monday, June 9th, 2025, at 10:45 a.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Duane Monroe, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Chad Aker, president, presiding. The meeting was held to discuss the implementation of security systems per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(C)().

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.;

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Attest: Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor

JUNE 23, 2025 SPECIAL SESSION

The Jay County Commissioners met in session on Monday, June 23rd, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, auditor Emily Franks, Duane Monroe, vice president, presiding. Absent Chad Aker, president.

OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB- OPENING BIDS

The following companies submitted bids for the Owner-Occupied rehab Group 3 bid. Mooreland Roofing, Mustard Seed Consulting, Fortitude Design and Consulting, and Dave's Heating and Cooling and All Circuit Electrical.

All Circuit Electrical for electrical repairs as follows; 3592 E SR 26. Portland \$986.09, 598 S 200 W. Portland \$7,437.90, 248 N Charles St. Portland \$4,835.20, 803 E Race St., Portland, \$7,675.92.

Dave's Heating and Cooling as follows; 414 N Pierce St Portland \$10,738, 720 E 300 S Portland \$15,238 for both a furnace and air conditioner or \$9,216 for only an air conditioner, 5977 E North St. Salamina, \$11,518, 204 W Washington St. Dunkirk \$2,102, 117 E Lafayette St. Portland \$5,520, 428 W Main St. Redkey \$1,882, 2820 E 200 S Portland, \$2,134, 315 N Commerce St. Portland, \$260, 3557 W SR 26 Portland, \$13,904, 6009 N 150 W, Bryant, \$9,100; 310 E Main St. Portland \$2,400, 803 E Race St. Portland \$12,122, 38 N Sycamore St. Redkey \$4,100; 140 E Baker St. Portland \$9,996; 226 E Grandview Ave, Redkey \$13,724; 302 W Race St. Portland \$8,402; 704 E Water St Portland, \$12,618 and \$800, 606 Layne Dr. Dunkirk \$12,778; 1147 W Arch St. Portland \$12,212, 704 E Arch St. Portland \$8,274.

Mooreland Roofing & Construction bids were as follows; 2820 E 200 S Portland, \$16,630; 3782 E 500 S Portland \$8,800, 720 E 300 S Portland \$18,500, 598 S 200 W Portland \$8,500; 214 W Lafayette St. Portland \$4,090; 628 E Water St. \$9,152; 704 E Water St. \$4,850; 311 E Volaw St. Portland \$9,414; 1147 W Arch St. Portland \$5,700; 803 E Race St. Portland \$6,500; 6009 N 150 W Bryant \$8,454; 357 W Washington St. Dunkirk \$11,000; 226 Grandview Ave Redkey \$13,590; 520 S George St. Redkey \$12,250; 246 W Washington St. Dunkirk \$12,400.

Mustard Seed Remodeling were as follows; 6009 N 150 W Bryant \$10,914; 117 E Lafayette St Portland \$19,172.01; 628 E Water St. Portland \$6,668.70; 311 E Volaw St. Portland \$21,690.67; 226 Grandview Ave. Redkey \$18,460.39; 1147 W Arch St. Portland \$5,520.02; 520 S George St. Redkey \$12,658.77; 803 E Race St. Portland \$10,673.79; 246 E Washington St. Dunkirk \$19,814.35; 704 E Arch St. Portland \$21,988.63; 140 E Baker St. Portland \$14,767.94; 704 E Water St. Portland \$8,104.45; 3782 E 500 S Portland \$14,364.40; 720 E 300 S Portland \$24,250.03; 357 W Washington St Dunkirk \$12,504.26.

Fortitude Design and Consulting as follows; 117 E Sixth St Portland \$24,500; 357 W Washington St. Dunkirk \$25,000; 606 Layne Dr. Dunkirk \$5,500; 414 N Pierce St. Portland, \$12,580; 3782 E 500 S Portland \$20,635; 310 E Main St. Portland \$17,865; 302 W Race St. Portland \$10,475; 214 W Lafayette St. Portland \$25,545; 704 E Water St. Portland \$18,265; 501 Walsh Ct Dunkirk \$1,500; 38 N Sycamore St. Redkey \$6,000; 140 E Baker St. Portland \$16,561; 704 E Arch St. Portland \$23,463; 246 E Washington St. Dunkirk \$23,357; 204 W Washington St. Dunkirk \$29,758; 803 E Race St. Portland \$24,501; 520 S George St.

Redkey \$17,654; 1147 W Arch St. Portland \$32,813; 226 E Grandview Ave. Redkey \$21,475; 311 E Votaw St. Portland \$21,100; 1102 N Ben Hawkins Portland, \$7,970; 628 E Water St. Portland \$12,752; 117 E Lafayette St. Portland \$18,723; 248 N Charles St. Portland \$6,495; 428 W Main St. Redkey \$28,000; 2820 E 200 S Portland, \$55,550; 128 E Floral Ave. Portland \$15,750; 215 N Commerce St. Portland \$1670; 3557 SR 26 Portland \$5,100; 1215 N 350 W Portland \$21,980; 6009 N 150 W Bryant \$23,385; 598 S 20 0W Portland \$16,600; 368 E High St Dunkirk \$17,280; 720 E 300 S Portland \$20,000.

Doug Horn made a motion to take the bids under advisement to have time for the bids to be reviewed by EGIS. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT- LETTER OF INTENT

Kimbra Reynolds, Opioid Settlement Taskforce, came to the commissioners to discuss the National Opioid Settlement funds. There is currently a one-to-one match opportunity of county held opioid settlement monies against state dollars up to \$500,000. The letter of intent specifies they will apply for the match monies as a capital expense for the recovery residence. Mr. Monroe, also a member of the taskforce, noted it would be a good opportunity to receive the additional funding. Doug Horn made a motion to approve and sign the letter of intent. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Doug Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Attest:

Jay County Auditor