

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

The Jay County Commissioners and Council met in joint executive session on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Duane Monroe, president. Also, council members: Cindy Bracy, Bryan Alexander, Faron Parr, Harold Towell and Matt Minnich, president. They met in executive session to discuss a real property transaction per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(vi).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

**JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Attest: Emily Franks  
Jay County Auditor

APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

The Jay County Commissioners met in session on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Duane Monroe, president, presiding. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the minutes from March 30<sup>th</sup> and the Executive Session on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

LIFESTREAM

Kevin DeCamp, project manager, came to the commissioners to approve and sign a deobligation of CARES money for INDOT. Chad Aker made a motion to approve as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

HIGHWAY

Bob Howell, superintendent, came to the commissioners to give a monthly report. They have been putting gravel down on roadways. There has been some more roof damage discovered after recent severe weather, including the salt bay and service area. McGuff roofing has been out to work on an estimate. The roof does not need replacement but new fasteners and seal. They also believe the main building metal roof is going to need to be replaced as it was nailed down instead of utilizing screws. Mr. Howell will bring quotes back to the next commissioners' meeting. The department will be working to address the curb issues with the Seventh St. Bridge.

The department spoke regarding the CCMG FY26 grant for the paving on 400 S. After reviewing the two bids with USI Consulting, the lowest bid from Brooks Construction was selected for a total of \$825,318. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the bid and contract from Brooks Construction as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORP

Ceann Bales, executive director, came to the commissioners to give a quarterly update on operations. Mrs. Bales reviewed metrics including five building and land requests in the last month. There has been movement around small business development and expansion. They have been working with Mike Kleimpeter and Dunkirk on the Green Building Project. Applications were due April 10<sup>th</sup> for the housing project with 3 developers interested.

Colby Cline, community developer, has been working on designing a shelter for the Pennville Park, the Riverwalk trail in Portland, and concepts for the former Bailey Building. Mr. Cline has also been working on infill housing and options for the Hawkins building. Lastly, Mrs. Bales reported JCDC and the Jay County Chamber board have been working on exploring options to collaborate such as a shared web page. The commissioners thanked them for looking at ways to share services and resources.

**LIFEWORKS CONTRACT**

Brooke Aker, owner, Lifeworks Counseling, came to commissioners to discuss the renewal of the mental health agreement with the county. The commissioners agreed it was a worthwhile service for county employees, especially for first responders. Chad Aker made a motion to renew the contract for another year with Lifeworks Counseling. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**SCOUT CLEAN ENERGY DECOMMISSIONING & ROAD USE AGREEMENTS**

Spencer Micali, project manager, Scout Clean Energy came to commissioners to discuss amended decommissioning agreements for both Bitter Ridge and Sun Chief as well as an amended road use agreement for Sun Chief. The amended decommissioning agreement defines the substation line as a separate part of each project. It will allow them to decommission the full project excluding that transition line being used by the other project. While the line is currently owned by Bitter Ridge, Sun Chief would eventually co-own that line. Mr. Micali reported Sun Chief is scheduled to start construction in July or August 2026 as they have been working with design iterations. The amended road use agreement defines portions of County Road 500 S and 1100 W within the county right of way to run transmission lines. Doug Horn made a motion to approve all documents as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**LANDFILL PERMIT**

It was reported that Waste Management paid the Landfill permit fee for 2026. Chad Aker made a motion to approve and issue the permit. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The payroll docket was presented for commissioner approval. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the payroll docket as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The treasurer’s report for March was presented for commissioners’ approval. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the report as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

There were four vehicle titles presented to commissioners for auction on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the selling of all four vehicles and to sign the titles. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Doug Horn made a motion to adjourn at 6:07 p.m; Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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