

**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

The Jay County Commissioners met in session on Monday, June 8th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Duane Monroe, president, presiding. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the minutes from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**LIFESTREAM CLAIM**

Kevin DeCamp, project manager, came before commissioners to receive approval for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter claim to INDOT of \$194,000. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Samantha Rhodanel, director, came before commissioners to give a quarterly update on operations. She reported on the three grants in progress, Multi Hazard Mitigation, SEED Grant, and EMPG Salary Grant. The EMPG FY 25 salary reimbursement grant has been received by the county and is in the process of closing out. A list of various meetings and trainings attended were presented to commissioners including Hazmat Responder Exercise, School Active Threat Training, Radio Training for Responders and Weather event monitoring. She has been working on reprogramming Redkey and Dunkirk Police Radios to the new system, Updating MOUS with the Red Cross, and Cybersecurity Planning.

**HIGHWAY**

Bob Howell, Superintendent, came before commissioners to give an update on monthly operations. They have delayed chip and seal due to weather but anticipate starting the 71 miles next week. A claim to Chad Homan for ROW related to Bridge #159 in the amount of \$2,600 was presented for commissioner approval. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The department will now be ready to apply for Community Crossings in September.

Mr. Howell presented a proposed business located on 500 S between 400 and 475 E. The old turkey barn located on a stone road would be used as a grinding facility. It was discussed whether the road could withstand an estimated 15 trucks daily. Mr. Schemenaur explained the department could mark a Pioneer Truck route offering guidance without having to revise the current ordinance. Mr. Monroe also reported the road committee had determined at their meeting to hold off on conversions this year.

**SUN CHIEF/ SCOUT ENERGY**

An amended economic development agreement with Sun Chief Solar was presented for commissioners' approval. The company would like to better define "construction completion". Their target completion date is October 2027 with a contractual deadline of December 31, 2027. The amendment defines construction completion once the project is installed and able to generate electricity. Amendments will also need to be approved by the county council and plan commission before being official. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the amended agreement with Sun Chief. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**RADIO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT-REDKEY**

An interlocal agreement with the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) related to the new radio system was presented for commissioner approval. The agreement has Redkey VFD responsible for costs related to the warranty of equipment over five years totaling \$4,410.80. It also has them responsible for costs related to SMART features. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

Mr. Schemenaur explained he will be sending out a proposed update to the ordinance regarding Right of Way use including booring and road cuts. He asked commissioners to

review the ordinance noting specifically how to define how many permits would be needed for different projects. Brad Daniels, surveyor, suggested a permit be required for each boring, not by project. If they are not boring, the distance for each permit needs to be determined. The amendment has a \$500 permit fee for commercial or utility unless they are maintaining an existing pole. It also would require a \$50 permit fee for residential/agricultural to put a tube in. The proposed fees would be split between the two departments except driveway permits would be remitted only to the highway. Lastly, the amendment would shift some of the authority to the Surveyor and Highway Supervisor.

**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 April was presented for commissioner approval. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The clerk's monthly report for May was presented for commissioner approval. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the report as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Claims related to the June 2026 Property Tax Settlement were presented for commissioner approval totaling. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Doug Horn made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m; Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Duane Monroe

Chad Aker

Doug Horn

Attest: Smiley Franks  
Jay County Auditor

**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Jay County Commissioners met in executive session on Monday, June 8th, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Duane Monroe, president, presiding. The commissioners met to discuss the implementation of security systems per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 2(C) and under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (17) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding the review would cause a likelihood of increased costs.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:02 a.m.

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