

**WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
REGULAR SESSION  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM  
107 W. Locust Street, Suite 303  
Boonville, Indiana  
April 27, 2026  
4:00 P.M.

The Warrick County Commissioners met in regular session with Sarah Seaton, President and Stacey Franz, Vice President and Commissioner Terry Phillippe, Member, present.

Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Debbie Bennett-Steersman were in attendance.

Auditor Michael Dietsch, Chief Deputy Barbi Shelton, and Recording Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

Commissioner Meetings can be viewed via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@WarrickCountyMeetings>

President Sarah Seaton called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION**  
**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SURETY**  
**ARBOR POINTE**

Area Plan Director Molly Barnhill presented two Requests for Extension of Surety. The first was for Arbor Pointe, Section 3, Phase 3, Chandler Real Estate, INC, by Jason Boyd. The County is holding \$35,640.00 guaranteeing street construction. They have had four years and are requesting a one-year extension at the same dollar amount. The letter of credit expires June 3, 2026. She said the County Engineer has signed off on the amount. Assistant Engineer Steve Sherwood was present for County Engineer Bobby Howard. He said it has been signed off on at the same dollar amount. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Terry Phillippe seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**C-25-032**  
**UNIQUE CUSTOM HOMES INC**

The next was for C-25-032, Unique Custom Homes, INC, by Danny VanHooser, Owner. The County is holding \$12,871.28 in escrow for entrance construction. They have had one year. The letter of credit expires May 21, 2026. The County Engineer signed off on it at the same dollar amount. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(APC Paperwork is located on File in the Auditor's Office)*

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**  
**PETER RUDOLPH – TRASH CONCERNS**

Peter Rudolph of 1344 East Degonia Road was present. He wants to share concerns of trash along the roadway including ALCOA highway. While the trash does come from different sources, he said the greatest source is the trash haulers. He has pictures of it happening. Mr. Rudolph said he knows the trash haulers are just doing their job, and he didn't wish to call out any particular haulers, but would like to know about having them keep trash more secure and make sure they are obeying the traffic laws. It causes issues with harvesting with trash getting into the combines. Commissioner Phillippe would like to see what the rules are and maybe have them tie everything down a little tighter. There was continued discussion. They can talk to County Inspector Jeff Daily to see what some of the rules are. Mr. Rudolph would like to see some conversation going. Attorney Whitehead said if Mr. Daily didn't have an Ordinance that applied, they could see about doing something.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**APRIL 13, 2026**

Minutes for the April 13, 2026 Regular Session meeting were presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Stacey Franz made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Terry Phillippe seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**AP VOUCHER**  
**APRIL 27, 2026**

AP Voucher for April 27, 2026 in the amount \$4,437,190.79 was presented. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made the motion to approve. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(AP Voucher is located on Pages 5 through 7 of these Official Minutes)*

**AP VOUCHER UNCERTIFIED  
APRIL 27, 2026**

Both claims on the non-certified voucher are above the \$5,000.00 as stated in the County Policy. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman went over both claims. There was a brief discussion. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve the Sheriff's vehicle purchase claim due to it being purchased before the new policy. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The second claim was for Storm Water. President Seaton said it was supposed to be a consensus vote that for some reason didn't happen. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(AP Non-Certified Voucher is located on Page 7 of these Official Minutes)*

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Conflict-of-Interest Statements were presented by Sheriff Mike Wilder and Official Recording Secretary Kristine Georges. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman reviewed both. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to accept both. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(All Conflict-of-Interest Statements can be found online at Indiana Gateway)*

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
RIDE SOLUTIONS GRANT APPLICATION  
RESOLUTION 2026-03**

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman presented the Ride Solutions Grant Application Resolution. This is done every year. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(Resolution 2026-03 is located on Pages 8 thr of these Official Minutes)*

**APPROVAL OF OPIOID APPLICATION  
WARRICK COUNTY DRUG COURT**

The Warrick County Drug Court has requested \$18,822.99 in opioid funding for transportation and attending an All-Rise Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This is put on by the Treatment Court Professionals. There was a brief discussion. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Terry Phillippe seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**WARRICK COUNTY SECURITY CENTER  
APPROVAL OF DRAW 40**

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman presented the approval of Draw 40 for the Security Center in the total amount of \$114,890.84. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(Old National Wealth Management Draw 40 is located on File in the Auditor's Office)*

**AMENDMENT FOR THE OWNERS CONTRACT - SECURITY CENTER  
PROJECT PARTNERSHIP**

There is an amendment to the Project Partnership Contract to add the transition from the current jail to the new Security Center. The contract is in the amount to not exceed \$45,000.00. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(Project Partnership Amendment is located on File in the Auditor's Office)*

**PAYROLL VOUCHER 8  
APRIL 17, 2026**

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman presented Payroll Voucher 8 dated April 17, 2026 in the amount of \$699,655.48. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Terry Phillippe seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(Payroll Voucher 8 is located on Page 8 of these Official Minutes)*

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORK**

Health Department Administrator April Hicks was present. She went over the need for an individual that does the environmental inspections. They have been without someone for a couple of months. They are wanting to contract with Mark Kranz, LLC through the end of year with an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. She thinks the Surveyor may use him as well, but she's not sure. They will be taking the funds out of contractual services until the request to

Council to move it into the correct line at budget time for 2027 takes effect. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(Mark Kranz, LLC Agreement is located on File in the Auditor's Office)*

**ACQUISITION ADMINISTRATOR PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00**

Acquisitions Administrator Sherrie Sievers presented purchases over the \$5,000.00 Purchasing Policy limit. Commissioner Phillippe requested to go through these as a single batch.

1. AMAZON – TVs & Wall Mounts for the new Security Center in the amount of \$8,555.83. This was previously given consensus.
2. The WRAP for \$5,908.12. Safety Restraint Package for the New Security Center
3. Midland for \$7,099.00 for Weather Radios and Strobe/Pillow Shaker Bundle. These are jointly for EMA and Health Department. These are for the use by the handicap.
4. Colonial Classics Landscape & Nursery for \$7,7710.10 – Maintaining two miles of Warrick Wellness Trail. The County already has an annual contract; however, this exceeds the \$5,000.00 limit for services.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve all four purchases. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**PRESENTATION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Ms. Sievers presented two service agreements.

- Tek84 Service Agreement – This is to move the body scanner from the existing jail to the new security center at a cost of \$8,000.00.
- Hoosier Business Machines – This is a maintenance agreement for the Auditor's Office for their copier. They own their own machine and needed a service agreement in place.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve both. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**AMAZON PURCHASE FOR SECURITY CENTER**

Ms. Sievers added two additional items. The first was for Amazon for three commercial Bunn coffee makers and two commercial paper shredders in the total amount of \$5,920.98. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(All Approved Agreements and Contracts are located on File in the Auditor's Office)*

**DUMPSTER AT THE JUDICIAL CENTER**

The second add on was a discussion on putting a dumpster at the Judicial Center. Ms. Sievers talked to Reagan Opperman with the Solid Waste Management District on this. Ms. Opperman recommended an eight-yard dumpster with a lock. They will have to go to an outside providers for this. Ms. Sievers solicited three businesses for quotes:

- Renewable Resources – \$105.00 a month with bi-weekly dumps
- Eric Gries - \$141.88 per month
- Diverse Dumpsters – Don't handle 8 yd dumpster.

Right now, trash is being stored in a room in the Judicial Center. Commissioner Phillippe said he didn't like the idea of a dumpster in the Harold Gunn Pavilion which was the area suggested. The County currently pays around the same as having it picked up by Renewable each month and the county takes it out to the landfill. There was a lot of discussion on whether someone should be hired or maintenance continue to take it to the landfill. Commissioner Phillippe said there is no reason why it should be stored. It should be picked up and taken out all at the same time. There was continued discussion. They will table it for now.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY/ENGINEER AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT BRIDGE 200 AMENDMENT 1**

Assistant Engineer Steve Sherwood was present for County Engineer Bobby Howard. He presented Amendment 1 for American Structurepoint on the Bridge 200 Project on Wallace Ford Road. They need to increase the amount due to an increase in time. The contractor extended dates which pushed out other contractors. This was allowed by INDOT. The amendment amount is \$87,472.79. The new total amount is \$314,170.90. There was a brief discussion. This was by no fault of the County's contractor. This was due to the INDOT contract with Blankenberger which allowed the extension. Commissioner Stacey Franz made a motion to approve. Commissioner Terry Phillippe seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(American Structurepoint Amendment is located on File in the Auditor's Office)*

**APPROVAL OF ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS AND BRIDGES**

Mr. Sherwood presented the Annual Operational Report for the Local Road and Streets and Bridges. This allows them to continue to receive funds from the state. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

*(The Annual Operational Report for the Highway Department is located on File in the Auditor's Office)*

**COUNTY SHERIFF**

There was no business for the County Sheriff.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

There was no business for the County Attorney.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION COMMISSIONERS**

There were no Items for Discussion for the Commissioners.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

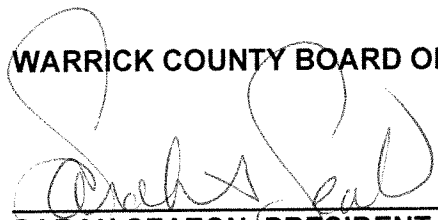
**Bart Heath – Data Centers** – Mr. Heath said that on the west side project involving the AB Brown Power Plant is on the radar for a possible area for a Data Center. He went over some of the details. They are still planning to put it in regardless of the wishes of the community. The only way to stop this is to put a moratorium in place on the data centers. Commissioner Phillippe asked if Mr. Heath where this was going on at and he does appreciate his information. Mr. Heath said that is in Posey County and will state the involved areas in the future. President Seaton said they are keeping a very close eye on it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

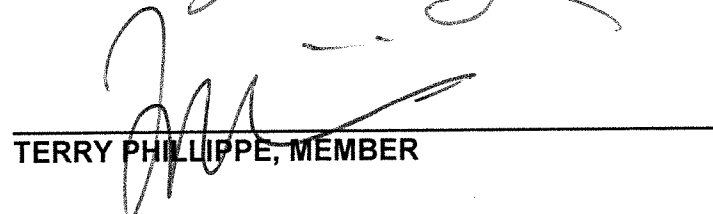
The next Warrick County Commissioners' meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the Commissioners' meeting room at 4:00 PM. Commissioner Terry Phillippe made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stacey Franz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.


Meeting adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

**WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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SARAH SEATON, PRESIDENT

  
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STACEY FRANZ, VICE PRESIDENT

  
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TERRY PHILLIPPE, MEMBER

ATTEST:   
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MICHAEL J. DIETSCH, AUDITOR  
WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary*







AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2026-3

Resolution authorizing the filing of a CY2027 application for a grant under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support capital, operating and feasibility study assistance projects for nonurbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the FTA Act of 1964, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Office of Transit, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has been designated by the Governor to make Section 5311/5339 grants for public transportation projects.

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon each county obtaining services including the provision by it of some portion of the 50% local share of project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Warrick County Commissioners:

- 1. The Warrick County Commissioners has designated the following non-profit organization to coordinate and provide 5311 funded rural public transit services within Warrick County as identified within the Pass-through Agreement executed between Southern Indiana Development District, and:
a. Four River Services/DSI
2. That Warrick County Commissioners understands Becky Guthrie, Director is the authorized official with Four River Services/DSI, that will submit the Section 5311/5339 Grant Application to INDOT and furnish such additional information as INDOT may require in connection with the Application.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Auditor, of the Warrick County Commissioners certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Warrick County Commissioners held on April 27, 2026.

Signature of Recording Officer

Mike Dietsch, Auditor

Auditor of Warrick County

Title of Recording Officer

Sarah Seaton, President Warrick County Commissioners

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTER. Table with columns: File No., Name of Claimant, Department, Amount of Voucher, Amount Allowed, Warrants, Certified. Includes departments like CLERK, ALFORD, TREASURER, RECORDS, SHERIFF, SURVEYOR, COMPTROLLER, ASSESSOR, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, EXTENSION OFFICE, CLERK OF COURT, PUBLIC DEFENDER, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CENTRAL DISPATCH, JAIL, ANIMAL CONTROL, CHILD SUPPORT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GUM BRIDGE, CUMULATIVE DRAIN, HEALTH DEPT., PUBLIC SAFETY, HIGHWAY DEPT., RECORDS PERPETUATION, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, ELECTION, PARKS DEPT., DISPATCH, PROPERTY REASSESSMENT, ADULT PROBATION ADMINISTRATIVE, PRETRIAL DIVERSION, PROJECT INCOME, BUILDING COMMISSION, DDIC PROG INCOME, VOCA, ICJ Grant, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, CHILD SUPPORT/PROSECUTOR, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS. Total: 600,666.48.