

Vermillion County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2, 2026

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call- All present
- IV. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2026 meeting with a correction clarifying that the statement regarding ongoing legal matters was attributed to Kirk Phelps. Corrections were made.

Peebles Motion

Hess Seconds

All in Favor, motion carried.

- V. Approval of Claims dated February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026.

Hess Motion

Peebles Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

- VI. Approval of Payroll dated February 13 and February 27, 2026.

Peebles Motion

Hess Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

- VII. Public Comment:

Josh Gaskill, a representative from the West Central Indiana Partnership addressed the board regarding regional collaboration initiatives and upcoming meetings with county officials and partners including the Wabash River Regional Development Authority.

- VIII. Open Issues

- IX. New Business

Intelli-Leap Contract- The Board reviewed an annual website service agreement in the amount of \$2,880.

Peebles Motion

Hess seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

Ambulance Contract Agreement- The Board reviewed the ambulance contract agreement with Parke County.

Peebles Motion

Hess Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

Ambulance Station Furniture and Equipment- Quotes were reviewed for furniture and radio equipment for the new ambulance station in the amount of \$10,614.07.

Hess Motion

Peebles Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

County Ordinance 2026-2 – Building Fee Schedule- County Ordinance No. 2026-2 updating the county building fee schedule was presented and read. The schedule had not been updated in approximately 30–35 years.

Peebles Motion

Hess Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

Veterans Office Credit Card- Inee Mahan approve a credit card for the county Veterans Office for official business purposes.

Hess Motion

Peebles Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

Ron Mack-The Board considered an offer of \$200 from Ron Mack for an unused office chair located in the courthouse basement.

Peebles motion

Hess Second

All in Favor, Motion carried.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment- Due to the resignation of John Graves, the Board considered an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Peebles Motion to Appoint Brian Ealy to the position.

Hess Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

Community Beef Raffle- The Board discussed a raffle for a quarter of beef donated by Ellis Farms. The Board agreed to offer entries to Vermillion County residents for \$20 per ticket, with entries accepted through March 31, 2026. Proceeds will be designated for charitable organizations within the county. Drawing will be at the Commissioners meeting April 6th, 2026.

INDOT Update-Commissioner Peebles provided an update on drainage improvements associated with a project by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

CenterPoint Energy Easements- The Board reviewed three easement requests from CenterPoint Energy related to pipeline upgrades and infrastructure improvements. Total compensation to the county will be \$27,380. The Board required installation of temporary cattle fencing and repair of any damaged fencing during construction.

Hess Motion

Peebles Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

Announcements- Countywide Cleanup Days were announced for April 10, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and April 11, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the county highway garages.

Housing Development Discussion- The Board discussed the McLain subdivision housing project. The developers have offered two lots to the county in exchange for reducing their outstanding loan balance. Authorizing the Commissioner President to work with legal counsel to prepare the necessary agreement.

Peebles Motion

Hess Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

X. Adjourn

Peebles Motion

Hess Seconds

All in Favor, Motion carried.

AYE:

RJ Dun

RJ Dunavan

NYE:

Misty Hess

Misty Hess

William Peebles

William Peebles

ATTEST:

Ron Dunavan

Ron Dunavan, Auditor
