

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 27, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on February 27, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 103, Clark County Government Building, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Bryan Glover, Jack Coffman and Connie Sellers, Attorney Scott Lewis, Commissioners' Assistant Sabrina Corbin and Auditor Danny Yost.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Glover. Prayer was led by Commissioner Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the February 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll for February 27, 2025. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked for any amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Glover stated there is an amendment which would be to move C. Joe Jarles – Utica Township Fire Protection District Board to before public comment which would make it A. Any public comments that are not regarding the Utica Township Fire Protection District will be before Item A. Any comments regarding the Fire Protection District will proceed item A. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve Agenda as amended Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0

I. Public Comments:

Mark Bowling- Mark came to the Commissioners to speak about Veteran Courts (Problem Solving Courts). He told the Commissioners how the Veteran Courts (Problem Solving Courts) helped him and the community. The staff is outstanding. They helped change his life. He asked the Commissioners to continue to support the program.

Ed Giltner- Ed came to the Commissioners to speak about Veteran Courts (Problem Solving Courts). He thanked the Commissioners along with others who helped with the funding of Problem Solving Court. He talked about all the ways Veterans Courts has helped him. These programs give Veterans a second chance. Not only do they help with VA benefits but also with jobs and therapy which helped him the most.

- A. Joe Jarles, President of Utica Township Fire Protection District Board came to speak about the fire territory and how it would benefit Utica. He expressed his concerns about how the previously contracted fire department and Board had left the equipment and the cost it will take to get the district up to date. He presented the current budget as well as an inventory to the Commissioners. County Attorney Scott Lewis explained that pursuant to Indiana Code, the Commissioners do not legally provide direct oversight or supervision of the Fire Protection Board other than the appointments as it is a separate political subdivision. County Attorney Lewis further explained that the Indiana State Board of Accounts regularly conducts audits of every taxing entity in Clark County, and that according to SBOA audits of the Fire Protection District prior to 2023, there was nothing in the audits that indicated anything improper or irregular.

Mr. Jarles stated the current Board acted swiftly in filing the lawsuit to recoup the money owed to Utica. They are currently owed \$408,000 from the New Chapel groups. They have recovered \$56,000. They intend to go back further than 5 years to continue to recover from the damages owed to the district.

Mr. Jarles explained how the District does not have enough funds for the equipment, staff, or training so they feel like they would be better off being part of a larger unit, which is why they are pursuing the Fire Territory with the City of Jeffersonville. He also thinks this will also provide better EMS for the County as well. He criticized the Commissioners for their lack of previous oversight and then their current concerns with the current Board. He also criticized the Greater Clark County School Board's, City of Charlestown's, and Silver Creek School Corporation's concerns about the amount of funding they will lose,

Public Comment: Fire Protection District

Charlestown Mayor Treva Hodges- Charlestown Mayor Hodges came to the Commissioners to speak about the effect it will have on her City. She asked they all come together as Community Leaders and pause the Fire Territory discussion to allow for more time to find a solution.

Charlestown Trustee Tom Kendrick- Tom came to the Commissioners to speak about the effect it will have not only on Charlestown but all the other townships also. He asked that they find a way to do this without it affecting every other taxing district in the County. It will pull over \$11,000 a year from his budget which is over a month for assistance. Township Trustees are the last resort for many families.

Shawn Bostock-Shawn came to the Commissioners to speak about concern he has regarding Fire Territory. Local Income Tax is paid by anyone who is employed in Clark County. What about the River Ridge employees that do not live in Clark County? Shouldn't they be able to count on Fire and EMS protection? The public has some trust concerns.

Joseph Romans -Joseph came to the Commissioners to speak about concerns he has with Emergency Medical Service. . He stated the Town of Utica is not asking for a cultural center but a basic human need. He expressed serious concerns about the quality of EMS service he received.

Cathy Allen- Cathy came to the Commissioners to speak about how Utica needs and deserves adequate Fire and EMS.

Beverly Knecht- Beverly came to the Commissioners to speak about concerns she has with the Emergency Medical Service. She had a similar negative experience with EMS.

Kelly Khuri- Kelly came to the Commissioners to speak about how she did not agree with how the Commissioners scrutinized her qualifications to serve on the board but not the others.

Kevin Baity, Town Manager, Town of Clarksville- Kevin came to the Commissioners to speak about how the Senate Bill 1 along with another property tax bill will have a \$2.5 Million dollar loss of revenue for the Town. He doesn't have an issue with the Fire Protection but he does with the addition of EMS which is a duplication of service. He asked the County to look at moving the levy from .04 to .20 to cover the cost for more EMS which will be spread between the whole County and serve the whole County. He also stated the Town of Clarksville was never invited to the Fire Protection workshop.

II. New Business:

- B. Andrew Hoffer, Hoffer Law Attorney, presented a Verified Petition to Vacate Part of a Detention Basin Easement. This would be for lots 107-111 in the Estates of Elk Run. The Drainage Board and Planning & Zoning have issued letters of support with some limitations. Commissioner Glover opened a public hearing. No one was there to speak for or against this. Commissioner Glover closed the public hearing. Commissioner Sellers motions to approve the Verified Petition to Vacate Part of a Detention Basin Easement for lot 107-111 all but the southernmost 20 feet. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion Approved 3-0**

- C. Scott Lewis, County Attorney, presented Bid Opening – Police Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. John Jones was the only bid received. The bids are attached at the end of this document. Commissioner Coffman motion to accept the bids and take them under advisement. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion Approved 3-0**

- D. Mickey Weber, Public Defender, presented a 06-2025 Ordinance Establishing the Public Defender Commission Grant Fund. The Clark County Public Defender's Office is asking for this fund to be created due to being approved to participate in Misdemeanor Pilot Program. They have been approved for \$17,937.00 and are not asking for any money from the County. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve 06-2025 Ordinance**

Establishing the Public Defender Commission Grant Fund for Fund 9152. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Scott Lewis, County Attorney, presented Cybertek Microsoft Annual Licensing Agreement. This Agreement will not be a set price but will change depending how many employees we have at the time. As of right now, the amount is \$5,239.35 per month. This would come out of the IT Fund. Commissioner Coffman motions to approve the Cybertek Microsoft Annual Licensing Agreement and Quote Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

F. Scott Lewis, County Attorney, presented Meeting Room Camera Quotes. Effective July 1, 2025 Indiana require local government to livestream meetings. Clark County received three quotes Acoustical Audio Designs, System Max and Phoenix Security. Acoustical Audio Designs was for \$5,574.90 and both the other were over \$9,000. Commissioner Sellers motions to accept the quote for \$5,574.90 from Acoustical Audio Designs. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

G. Scott Lewis, County Attorney, present Bridge Preventive Maintenance Plan Approval- Brown Station Way Bridge over Discovery Trail. Commissioner Sellers motions to approve the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Plan Approval- Brown Station Way Bridge over Discovery Trail. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business:

A. Commissioner Glover presented the Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana Opioid Remediation Proposal. Commissioner Sellers motions to approve required matching fund for 2025 Covering Kid and Families Benefits Navigator Grant in the amount of \$86,375.00. Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Reports:

A. Auditor: None

B. Attorney: None.

C. Highway Department: Brian Dixon, County Engineers, Reported that Brick Church Road is in bad condition and will need to be shut down to get worked on. The work will be completed in house except for the milling. It will take about a week or longer. He will try to coordinate it around GCCS's Spring Break.

D. Sheriff: 494 Total Inmates

E. Elected Officials & Department Heads: None

V. Other Business: None

VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Glover entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

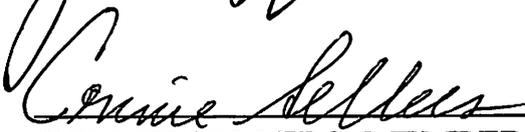
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA



BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT



CONNIE SELLERS, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY March 12, 2025

ATTEST: Danny Yost
DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR



John Jones 



POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES

1520 S. Jackson St. • Salem, Indiana 47167 • (812) 883-3081

2025 Chrysler Pacifica Select

- 3.6L V6 24V VVT Engine
- 9-Spd Automatic Transmission
- Caprice Leatherette Bucket Seats
- Black Interior
- 2nd and 3rd -Row Stow 'n Go Seats with Easy-Tilt
- Adaptive Cruise Control with Stop and Go
- Push Button Start
- Remote Start System
- Power Liftgate
- Power Sliding Doors
- 17 Inch Aluminum Wheels
- Custom Upfit for the Clark County, IN Sheriff's Department
- 10 Year Warranty on Whelen Products

John Jones PPV

Price \$51,758.50*

*Price is good for 10 days from 2/27/2025, or while quantities are still available. The price is per vehicle and includes \$282.50 for title and doc fees.

*Vehicle is sold out of the John Jones CDJRF Dealership 1735A Gardner Lane, Corydon, Indiana. Up-fitting is done at the John Jones PPV Lot 1520 S. Jackson St., Salem, Indiana.





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1520 S. Jackson St. • Salem, Indiana 47167 • (812) 883-3081

2024 RAM Crew Cab 4X4 SSV

- 5.7L V8 HEMI MDS VVT Engine
- 8 Speed Automatic Transmission
- Bright White Clear Coat
- Cloth Front Bench Seat 40/20/40
- Vinyl Rear Seat
- Vinyl Flooring
- Chrome Appearance Package
- Remote Start & Security Alarm Group
- 3.92 Rear Axle
- Rear Window Defroster
- Uconnect 3 with 5" Display w/Bluetooth
- Class IV Hitch w/ 4 and 7 Connectors
- 10 Way Power Driver Seat
- Power Lumbar Adjust
- Parkview Rear Backup Camera
- Front and Rear HD Shock Absorbers
- 220 AMP Alternator
- HD Cooling System
- Custom K9 Upfit for the Clark County, IN Sheriff's Department that Synchronizes with their Current Fleet.
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Price \$64,971.50*

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2025 Dodge Durango AWD PPV

- 5.7L V8 HEMI Engine
- 8 Speed Automatic Transmission
- DB Black Clear Coat
- Parkview Rear Back Up Camera
- Cloth Front Bucket Seats/Vinyl Rear Seat
- HD 220 AMP Alternator/HD 800 AMP Battery
- Tri-Zone HVAC
- BR9 Pursuit Rated Braking Package
- Keyless Entry w/Push Button Start
- Column Shifter
- 255/60R18 BSW V Rated Tires
- Vinyl Floor
- LED Left Spotlight
- Uconnect 4 w/8.4 Inch Display/ AM/FM/Bluetooth
- 4 Key FOBS
- Black Steel Wheels with Chrome Center Caps
- Heavy Duty Cooling System
- Secure Park
- Front and Rear Dome Lights
- Trailer Hitch with 4 & 7 Pin Connection
- Custom Upfit for the Clark County, IN Sheriff's Department that Matches and Synchronizes with their Current Fleet.
- 10 Year Warranty on Whelen Products

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Price \$61,262.50*

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