

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 2, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on July 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 103, Clark County Government Building, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Auditor Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll for July 8, 2026. Commissioner Decker motioned to approve the claims and payroll as presented by Auditor Danny Yost. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked for any amendments to the agenda if not he would entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Public Comments:

Mary Vaughn – Came to speak with the Commissioners on behalf of Do Something Southern Indiana, a nonpartisan civic organization with more than 800 members across Southern Indiana. Over 300 are Clark County residents, and your constituents. They believe Clark County is being paid roughly \$90.00 per detainee per day to house ICE detainees. But \$90.00 is the gross figure. Once you subtract medical care, staff time, transport, translation, insurance, and legal defense, what's left is the net. And the County has never publicly stated what that net is. A single serious claim in its defense could erase a year of

this revenue. And we've seen how this goes, Florida built a detention facility in 2025 on a promise of full Federal reimbursement. They spent over a billion dollars. FEMA approved \$608 million, and months later, Florida still hasn't been paid. Within a year, the facility has been shut down primarily over costs. Clark County is being asked to take the same bet on a smaller scale. So, they ask on the record, what is the net cost per detainee? What is our litigation exposure, and our reserve against it? What is our plan if Federal payments stop? Because they believe these answers belong to the public, Do Something Southern Indiana is filing a formal public records request for the financial documentation behind this arrangement. They ask in good faith, and they look forward to the County's response.

Mitchel "Mitch" Van Cleave – Came to speak with the Commissioners about the financial and legal issues concerning ICE detentions. About a month ago, he submitted some questions that attempted to dig a little deeper into the costs that are actually being realized at the facility for ICE detentions. The answers came timely, but they were vague and basically begged more questions. Around this same time, he teamed up with the nonpartisan group that Mary just told you about. And they are, as she said, requesting data so they can do their own analysis. They would rather it already be done. But in lieu of that, they're going to take the time to do the request, analyze the data, and then report it to the public. He would like to think that the Commissioners would be more comfortable if the Auditor or someone else did it themselves. While they're at it, if there has been a legal liability analysis that's been done, please let them know about that, because they are digging into that as well. In the Clay County case, the plaintiffs claim that despite the receipt of Federal funds appropriated for their detention and care, conditions were substandard. He doesn't know what the conditions are like at our facility. The plaintiffs in that case claim an abdication of responsibility over misappropriation of detention funds. So, it seems that profiting from ICE detentions is a legal liability for Clay County, Indiana. It stands to reason that it is probably a legal liability for Clark County, Indiana.

Sandy Basham – Came to the Commissioners today to request that when they are looking at all the letters, emails, and stuff that is being sent in referencing PC-2616, I want you to pay close attention to those. She requested the prior emails. The emails that came in before

the Plan Commission meeting. What she found is out of the 290 emails and letters that she reviewed, she found that 193 of those supported PC-2616, and 97 did not. But she needs to further break that down because it's important to show that of the 290 emails and letters, that 160 of them supporting PC-2616 came from people who live in the area. They live right there within just a few mile radius, and only 22 came from people who were against PC-2616 that live there. Most of those supporting were from the area. Those people who would be living close to the commercial energy system. Out of the 193 letters sent in supporting PC-2616 that makes 98.4% came from people within the whole entire county. They did have two people that sent in from out of the county, and they had one person who didn't include an address. But the opposing had 25 people from outside of the County, 1 out of state, and 20 that didn't have addresses listed. So, half of the ones that were sent in don't even live in the area. We go back to that 22 people versus 160 who actually live in the area. The majority of those living within the vicinity of that commercial project are overwhelmingly against it. So, she just asks as you're getting those, if you'll pay attention to actually where those are coming from and make sure they're coming from people who are your constituents and are in this county.

Rachel Wurfel – Came to speak with the Commissioners about Data Center noise pollution. They emit two types of sound. A constant low frequency noise from the diesel generators and a high frequency noise from fans and other equipment required for cooling. They can cause sound levels to exceed 95 decibels. Audiologists warn against extended exposure to anything above safe listening levels of 85 decibels. The other type of sound generated is infrasound. This is below the normal human hearing threshold of 20 hertz. According to a 2025 study from scientists at Noise and Health, prolonged exposure to infrasound can trigger significant physical and psychological effects. These include vestibular issues like vertigo, dizziness, and that can also lead to nausea, imbalance, and increase in falls, especially in the elderly populations. It's also known to cause sleep disorders, headaches, and anxiety. Research on chronic exposure to infrasound has shown links to elevated cortisol levels, which puts significant strain on the cardiovascular system. She asks the Commissioners consider these facts as well as others she's presented at past meetings and propose a ban on future data center development in Clark County.

Short of that, please consider a temporary pause, at least until Meta at River Ridge has been in operation for a time during which the impacts of our economy, our environment, and our health can be assessed.

II. New Business:

- A. Marc Hildenbrand, Executive Director, presented a River Ridge Presentation on the Public Safety Services Agreement. He's here to present kind of like a year in review. They are a military based reuse authority. They have a five member board. The Commissioners, City of Jeffersonville, City of Charlestown, Ports of Indiana, and the Town of Utica got to appoint one person to the board. They purchased 6,000 acres from the Army, those were not given, and they were left with all the structures they had to get rid of. Over the years they've probably spent \$20 million trying to get rid of the structures and piping. They have just under 3,000 acres that have been sold of the 6,000. They think there is about 4,500 that is developable. They have 70 plus companies operating in the Commerce Center, and over 13,300 jobs. River Ridge spent almost \$31 million on infrastructure improvements within the Commerce Center. They still own all of the roads in the Commerce Center, and maintain those roads doing snow removal, pavement repairs, and all those types of things. They have an agreement with the State of Indiana for the operation of the water system that only serves the Commerce Center, and Charlestown State Park. They passed a speculative moratorium, so they have to know the end user of a development before they come into RR. In 2024, their Board added to that moratorium by putting an average wage requirement on any of the companies that locate inside of RR. Infrastructure, they've spent close to \$200 million dollars to get to where they are today. All of the funding for RR comes from internal to the boundaries of RR. Land sales is a part of that. They also get property tax revenues in two forms. One is their TIF district. That is the River Ridge Commerce Center. And then their Urban Enterprise Zone, which is also an incentive for the companies that move into River Ridge Commerce Center. It's a 51% savings on real and personal property taxes for 10 years. Last year they finished an internal road connection inside RR from Charlestown to Jeffersonville with the hopes that there's some relief of the traffic that's on State Road 62. Two wastewater plants were completed last year. RR contributed \$12 million

dollars to each of those, one for the City Jeffersonville, one for the City of Charlestown.

B. Beau Zoeller with FBT Gibbons presented a Resolution Authorizing 2026 RRDA Bonds and Notes. Beau serves as bond council to RRDA, and the issuance of these bonds. This has no tax impact, does not raise taxes. This is not a debt or obligation of the County. It's solely payable from RRDA's tax increment revenue, so the property taxes within River Ridge. They are requesting the issuance of \$30 million dollars for infrastructure improvements in the Commerce Center. The board at the RRDA has already approved their bond resolution. The reason it comes before the Commissioners is primarily a function of Federal tax law. To make bonds tax exempt, which they want because you can get a lower interest rate, and lower debt service, an elected body has to approve it. Commissioner Decker motioned to approve Resolution 3-2026, which is a Resolution of the Board of Clark County Commissioners acknowledging bonds and notes to be issued by River Ridge Development Authority, and authorizing the Board of Clark County Commissioners to execute bonds and notes, and take other actions in furtherance thereof. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

C. Scott Lewis, County Attorney, presented a Resolution Approving the Transfer of Surplus Vehicle from the Utica Township Fire Protection District. Last year, we had a surplus vehicle, a 2009 Freightliner Santiago Truck, and we transferred it under Indiana code to Utica Township Fire Protection District. They have indicated that they no longer have a need for that vehicle, and would like to transfer it back to us. You can transfer personal or real property, with zero consideration, if both entities pass substantially identical resolutions. Commissioner Coffman motioned to table Resolution 4-2026 for the fact that we need to assess the value of the truck, and have our Highway Superintendent and our Highway Mechanic review the truck, and discern how much repair work the truck may need. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion carries 3-0 to table.

D. Doug Bentfield with the Clark County Health Department presented an Ordinance Establishing the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant

Fund. This is a grant we received from the State Department of Health. It is a grant that allows us to provide training and safety equipment to our MRC's, Medical Reserve Corps. These individuals volunteer for the Health Department in times of need like flooding, tornado events, sheltering operations, and that type of thing. Commissioner Decker motioned to approve Ordinance 21-2026, an Ordinance establishing the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant fund. The grant number would be 8174 between the Indiana Department of Health and the Clark County Health Department in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- E. Scott Lewis, County Attorney, presented an Interlocal Agreement for Curbside Recycling Services for the Clark County Solid Waste Management District. Every four years we enter into this interlocal agreement for the implementation of the curbside recycling services. The dollar amounts have not changed, so it's \$34.00, same fee as before. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the implementation of the curbside recycling services between certain political subdivisions in designated areas within the Clark County recycling district on today's date, July 2, 2026. The agreement is between the Board of Commissioners at Clark County, the City of Jeffersonville, the Town of Clarksville, the Town of Sellersburg, and the Clark County Recycling District. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- F. Ryan Lynch, Clark County Clerk, presented a Professional Services Agreement and Portal Pricing for Document Management Software for the Clerk's Office. The companies name is SBS Portal. It's a document management system where they're going to scan in all of their old case documents, and case files. Their records room in the basement is just full of old case files that were before their electronic case management system. This will allow them to streamline their process and pull documents quicker when requested. They will still keep the documents based on the State required schedule. Commissioner Decker motioned to approve the service agreement for portal pricing, a document management software for the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$275.00 a month with a one-time fee of \$3,000.00. Between SBS Portals and Clark County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- G.** Scott Lewis, County Attorney, presented a Purchase Agreement and Quote for Equipment for the Highway Department. There is a quote for three pieces of equipment. The total cost of those three items is \$41,356.20. That is below the statutory required level to go out for public bidding, or even to request multiple quotes. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the purchase agreement with Wright Implement 1, LLC, a John Deere dealer, for the purchase of a 520M Loader, an Open Market Woody 5' Lateral Cutter, and an Open Market Buffalo Blower for the total price of \$41,356.20. Minus the trade-in value of the 2014 Kubota, two of them, and a 2007 and 2005 John Deere with a trade-in allowance of \$33,000.00, for a total purchase price of \$8,356.20. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- H.** Scott Lewis, County Attorney, presented a Quote Award for Installation of ADA Compliant Sidewalk Ramps. At the last meeting, we opened up two quotes for an ADA compliant sidewalk project for various locations within the County. The low quote was from Abbott and Abbott for \$28,970.00. Our County Engineer reviewed that, and recommends that we accept that low quote for the project. Commissioner Decker motioned to approve the quote from Abbott and Abbott Incorporated for the ADA sidewalk ramps project as the low bidder in the amount of \$28,970.00, and allow the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign the contract after Attorney review. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- I.** Brian Dixon, Highway Engineer, presented the Approval of Traffic Signalization Plans for CR 403 and Bethany Road Intersection. We have contracted with Structure Point to do a traffic plan, a traffic signalization plan project there at Bethany Road, County Road 403, and Stoney Point. They have completed the design. We're going to send this out for bids from contractors. He thinks the date is August 13, for the plans or bids to be returned to us for review and approval. So, they are just approving the plans so he can send them out for bids. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the traffic signalization plans presented by American Structurepoint for the intersection of Highway 403, and Bethany Road. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business: None.

Reports:

- A. Auditor:** He wants to wish everyone a happy and safe 250th birthday.
- B. Attorney:** None.
- C. Highway Department:** Fister Road culvert lining is done. Everything's worked out great on that project. Bridge 413, we had a final walkthrough. The construction is done. They're still going to finalize the paperwork, which should all be done by July 31st. Decker Lane culvert lining is supposed to start. They had to push it back to July 14th due to some delays on other projects. And one culvert on County Road 160 has been installed. The road is back opened for the weekend, and they're going to close it down again to do the other one before we do the paving project.
- D. Sheriff:** Commissioner Glover gave jail numbers: 649 Total Inmates: 20 Fed and 53 ICE.
- E. Elected Officials & Department Heads:** Commissioner Glover knows there has been some discussion amongst many communities and throughout the State of Indiana about data centers and moratoriums. He believes it would be a step in the right direction for the County Commissioners to propose to the Planning and Zoning Board to review the UDO to make sure there is sufficient language in the UDO that exists today, and if there isn't language that addresses concerns about data centers that the Planning and Zoning Board would take that up. If he has their approval, he would present that to the Planning and Zoning Board at their next meeting to possibly propose a one year moratorium to study the existing UDO, and to compare it to other UDOs throughout the State. Commissioner Coffman and Decker express their approval. Commissioner Glover states that the County Commissioners can't impose a moratorium, and that has to come from the Planning and Zoning Board. If the Planning and Zoning Board wish to impose a moratorium, they will then send that back to the Commissioners as a recommendation for them to do then. They can't start the process. Scott Lewis, County Attorney, wants

to clarify for the record, most people think the Commissioners and County Government have jurisdiction over the entire county, but it would only be the unincorporated part of the county. So, if there ever was a moratorium, it would only be the unincorporated part of the county. It would not include the various cities and towns. They don't have jurisdiction within the cities and towns.

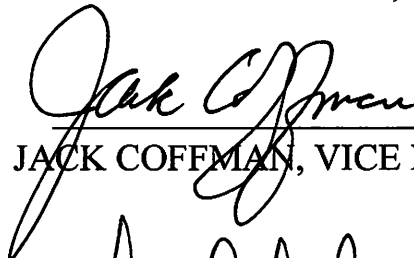
V. Other Business: None.

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

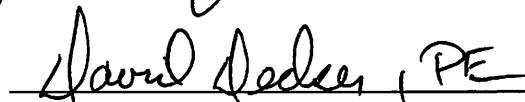
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA



BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT



DAVID DECKER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY July 16, 2026

ATTEST: 
DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR