



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF ALLEN**

Council Chambers Courtroom

Citizens Square, 200 East Berry St,

Fort Wayne IN 46802

Richard E. Beck, Therese M. Brown, Ronald W. Turpin

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION
April 17, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The legislative session was called to order at 10 AM by Commissioner Richard E. Beck. Commissioners Therese M. Brown and Ronald W. Turpin were also present.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

3. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

3.a. Consideration of the minutes of April 3, 2026, legislative session.

Ronald Turpin made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Therese Brown. Motion passed 3-0.

3.b. Consideration of claims submitted for the period of March 24 to April 14, 2026, in the amount of \$13,334,238.50.

Ronald Turpin made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Therese Brown. Motion passed 3-0.

3.c. Consideration of amendment to existing ViaPath/GTL contract with Allen County Community Corrections as required by FCC to realign product language.

Allen County Community Corrections Deputy Director Cody Fry presented an amendment with language changes with ViaPath for video communication tools for clients of the residential services facility. He explained that the clean-up of contract language is to meet FCC requirements.

There are no changes to fees or services.

Therese Brown made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Ronald Turpin. Motion passed 3-0.

3.d. Consideration of 2025 Highway Annual Operational Report.

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman presented the annual operations report, as required by Indiana Code 8-17-4.1.

Therese Brown made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Ronald Turpin. Motion passed 3-0.

3.e. Consideration of Supplemental Agreement #1 with VS Engineering Inc. for Leesburg, Butler, Haeman Rd intersection project AC#1200324 for \$9,100.00.

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman presented a supplemental agreement for additional design and survey work in preparation for the construction of a roundabout at this location.

Ronald Turpin made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Therese Brown. Motion passed 3-0.

3.f. Consideration of Warranty Deed for Cuba Rd Bridge AC#0100221.

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman presented a final warranty deed for the Cuba Rd Bridge replacement. It is hoped that this project will be bid July 2027.

Therese Brown made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Ronald Turpin. Motion passed 3-0.

3.g. Consideration of all-way stop sign on Washington Ctr Rd and O'Day due to a recommendation from the roadway safety audit.

Bill Hartman, Allen County Highway Director, explained that a safety audit recommended an all-way stop at the Washington Center and O'Day intersection. Crashes have doubled in the past ten years with five fatalities and multiple personal injury accidents reported at the site. He also noted long-term plans for the construction of a roundabout.

Ronald Turpin made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Therese Brown. Motion passed 3-0.

3.h. Consideration of plat for approval: Whisper Creek Sec II.

Therese Brown made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Ronald Turpin. Motion passed 3-0.

3.i. Consideration of Conflict Waiver Agreement with Krieg Devault.

County Attorney Laura Maser presented an agreement to waive conflict of interest since the county and an opposing party both use attorneys from this law firm. However, the firm conflict does not create an issue.

Ronald Turpin made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Therese Brown. Motion passed 3-0.

3.j. Consideration of distribution easement with Indiana Michigan Power Company encompassing existing utilities on county-owned land.

Chief of Staff Chris Cloud noted a utility easement had not been established for power lines at the Allen County Department of Environmental Management solid waste facility on Carroll Road.

Therese Brown made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Ronald Turpin. Motion passed 3-0.

3.k. Consideration of agreement with Recite Me NA LLC for PDF accessibility website application.

Chief of Staff Chris Cloud explained that website accessibility was required in 2024 by the Department of Justice. Our website is fully compliant, but there are over 7,500 PDF files on it that are not available. This program would open the PDF in the correct format for those needing accommodation.

He noted this is a stop gap measure to meet the fulfillment deadline while a long-term solution is adopted.

Ronald Turpin made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Therese Brown. Motion passed 3-0.

3.I. Consideration of citizen appointments to Allen County boards and commissions.

Chief of Staff Chris Cloud presented appointments to the Capital Improvement Board: Kristin Marcuccilli Green and Ben Eisbart.

Therese Brown made a motion of Approval and was seconded by Ronald Turpin. Motion passed 3-0.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

5. APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE 2ND READING ON ANY MATTER FOR WHICH IT MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY FOR TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Therese Brown made a motion of Approval, seconded by Ronald Turpin. Motion carried 3-0.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Objections to the Communities of Calusa proposed development on Coverdale Road:

Jason Williamson, Steve Shei, Julie Craig, Alan Harrington, Bill Deetz, Rachel McCulloch, Phil Yoquelet

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Beck adjourned at 10:48 AM.

These Minutes were approved as distributed at the Legislative Session on _____.

_____, Richard E. Beck Jr

_____, Therese M. Brown

_____, Ronald W. Turpin

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