

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 21, 2026

The Board of Public Works & Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Eric Frey presided, in person, with the following members absent or present:

Present in person: John Pickett and Brenda Sullivan

Absent: Mayor Mary Ferdon and Melanie Henderson

Luann Welmer, City Clerk, requested the Board's approval of the July 14, 2026, meeting minutes. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of three (3) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

Doug Sunkel, Animal Care Services Consultant, requested the Board's approval of a **Public Private Agreement with Force Construction Company, Inc. for construction of the new Animal Care Services facility in the amount of \$8,599,357.00**. There were no comments from the public during the public hearing. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mike Kutsko, Deputy Fire Chief, presented **Commendations for Exceptional Emergency Medical Care for Lieutenant Andrew Jordan, Paramedic Jordan Hite, and Firefighter Paul Chapple**. No action was taken by the Board.

Mike Kutsko requested the Board's approval of **FDO 1-6: Training Officer Job Description**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mike Kutsko requested the Board's approval of **FDO 1-6: Public Information Officer Job Description**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mike Kutsko requested the Board's approval of a **Conditional Offer of Employment Letter**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Bryan Burton, Director of Public Works, requested the Board's approval of a **Notice to Bidders for DPW #26-05 2027 Knuckleboom Loader Truck and Dump Body**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jake Sipe, Director of Community Development, requested the Board's approval of a **Sub-Recipient Agreement with United Way of Bartholomew County for a Community Development Block Grant in an amount not to exceed \$99,970.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Eric Frey, Executive Director of Administration, requested the Board's approval of a **READI 2.0 Grant Agreement for the Columbus Gateway Project**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman, Community Development Specialist, requested the Board's approval of a **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Temporary Vendor Permit for Upland Brewing Company, Inc. for the Our Hospice Concert on September 5, 2026**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort, City Engineer, requested the Board's approval to **award #CRC-26-03**

Airplex Commerce Center Sanitary Sewer to King’s Trucking & Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$270,425.00. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board’s approval of **Special Uses of Right-of-Ways** as presented. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

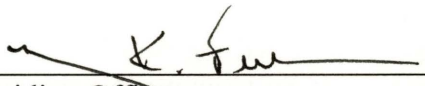
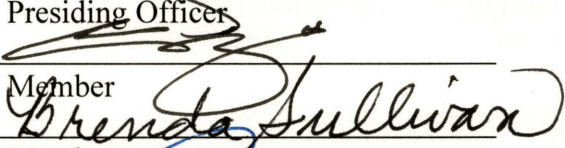
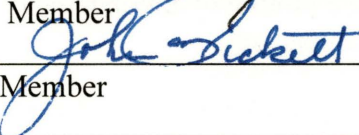
Andrew Beckort requested the Board’s approval to **open bids for #26-11 Carr Hill Road Extension.** Eight (8) bids were received.

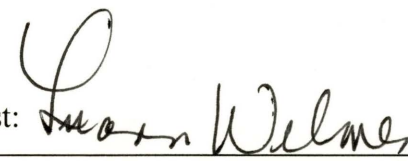
Walls Excavating LLC	\$290,305.65
King’s Trucking & Excavation, Inc.	\$296,450.00
Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc.	\$313,000.00
Milestone Contractors, L.P.	\$362,717.50
All Star Paving, Inc.	\$366,880.00
Edge Construction LLC	\$374,364.50
CASE Construction	\$379,898.00
Morphey Construction, Inc.	\$419,000.00

Andrew requested that the bids be taken under advisement. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Eric Frey requested the Board’s approval of **eight (8) dockets of claims.** Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

John Pickett made a motion for adjournment. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.


Presiding Officer

Member

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Member

Attest: 
Luann Welmer, City Clerk