

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 4, 2026

The Board of Public Works & Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 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

Liz Storm, Deputy Clerk, requested the Board's approval of the July 28, 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.

Paul Smith, Assistant Director of Community Development, requested the Board's approval of a **Banner Application for Fiesta Latina**. 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 to **open bids for the United Way of Bartholomew County Elevator Upgrades**. One (1) bid was received.

Executive Elevator Company

Jake requested that the bid be taken under advisement. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett 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 Animal Care Services Center in the amount of \$1,753,750.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Robin Chavez, Code Enforcement Officer, requested the Board's approval to **vacate, condemn, demolish, and take legal action against the owner of property located at 641 N. Cherry Street**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan 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 Columbus Area Arts Council for the 411 Gallery Exhibition and Arts Alley Event on September 3, 2026**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris, Engineering Technician, requested the Board's approval of a **Notice to Bidders for #26-10 Overlay Phase 2**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris requested the Board's approval to **amend the approved community event application for the Our Hospice Concert on September 5, 2026, to include the closure of Lafayette Avenue between 4th Street and 5th Street**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris 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.

Eric Frey requested the Board's approval of **five (5) 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 10:15 a.m.

W. K. Fry
Presiding Officer
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Attest: Luann Welmer
Luann Welmer, City Clerk