

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 25, 2026

The Board of Public Works & Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Eric Frey, Executive Director of Administration, presided in person, with the following members absent or present:

Present in person: Melanie Henderson and John Pickett

Absent: Mayor Mary Ferdon and Brenda Sullivan

Luann Welmer, City Clerk, requested the Board's approval of the August 18, 2026, meeting minutes. Melanie Henderson 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.

Bryan Burton, Director of Public Works, requested the Board's approval to **award 2027 Knuckleboom Loader Truck and Dump Body to the most responsive bidder Best Equipment Co., Inc., in the amount of \$249,000.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Bryan Burton requested the Board's approval to **mow the following property:**

4724 Autumn Ridge

Owner(s): Charles D & Wilma M. Compton

The property owners have been notified by certified mail and given ample time to comply. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris, Engineering Technician, requested the Board's approval of **four (4) community event applications**. Melanie Henderson 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 of **Special Uses of Right-of-Ways** as presented. Melanie Henderson 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 of a **Final Change Order for 26-09 CR 200 S & Terrace Lake Road Improvements in the amount of \$3,477.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Masonry Repairs – Fire Station 1 (CFD #26-01) On August 18, 2026, Andrew Beckort reported that the Board was presented with a memo regarding masonry repairs for Fire Station 1. He stated that a representative of the contractor was present and wished to address the Board. Mr. Toby Mullis referenced an email previously provided to Board members and expressed concern that his company had been portrayed as failing to meet expectations. He provided detailed information regarding the project and formally announced that Mullis Contracting LLC would be withdrawing its bid for the Fire Station 1 project. John Pickett moved to approve the withdrawal of the bid submitted by Mullis Contracting, LLC for CFD #26-01 Fire Station 1 – Masonry Repairs. The motion was seconded by Melanie Henderson and passed unanimously. John Pickett then moved to amend the Board's action to both accept the withdrawal of the bid submitted by Mullis Contracting LLC and award the project to Western Specialty Contractors, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, based on its quote of \$67,611.00. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval of a quote from **Western Specialty Contractors for the CFD #26-01 Fire Station #1 – Masonry Repairs in the amount of \$67,611.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the

motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board **reject all bids received for Project #CFD-26-02 Fire Station #3 Roof**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval of a **Notice of Request for Proposals for CFD-26-02 Fire Station #3 Roof**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval of **Task Order No. 26-03 with Strand Associates, Inc. for SR 46 and Tipton Lakes Boulevard Traffic Signal for an estimated fee of \$85,000.00**. Melaine Henderson 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 **Task Order No. 26-04 with Strand Associates, Inc. to provide engineering and construction contract administration services for the superstructure replacement on Sunset Drive in an amount not to exceed \$98,200.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval of an **Agreement for Cooperative Action Between the City of Columbus and Bartholomew County, Indiana, for a project to improve Talley Road between Rocky Ford Road and 25th Street**. Melaine Henderson made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

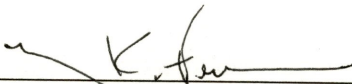
Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval to open bids for project **#26-10 Overlay Phase 2, Addendum 2. Three (3) bids were received:**

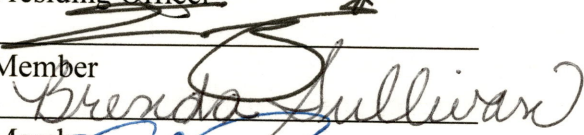
Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.	\$1,875,854.00
Milestone Contractors, L.P.	\$1,912,653.00
All Star Paving, Inc.	\$2,485,634.65

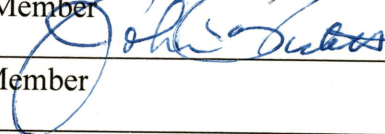
Andrew requested the bids be taken under advisement. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melaine Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Eric Frey requested the Board's approval of two (2) dockets of claims. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

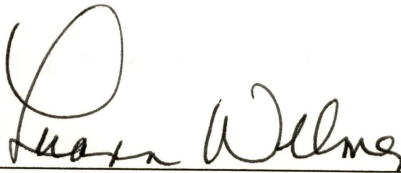


Presiding Officer


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Attest: 

Luann Welmer, City Clerk