

A regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:00p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall while being simultaneously livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana.

The meeting was opened by Melinda Jobe. On the call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Brent Stetler, Melinda Jobe, Walt Minnick, Jerry Faucett, and Craig Hudzinski.

Also present: Brendon Bright, Jay Moore, Jay Rosen, Dave Harness, Renee Crick, Chris Guajardo, Sherry Stowers, Shane & Brianna Kohl and Karla Bucheli.

The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were led by Melinda Jobe.

MINUTES – Walt Minnick made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Town Council Meeting and Public Budget Hearing held on September 8, 2025. Jerry Faucett seconded and it passed unanimously by the four members present: Brent, Melinda, Jerry and Walt. Craig Hudzinski had not yet arrived.

CENTRAL DISPATCH – Renee Crick, Director of Clinton County Central Dispatch and EMA, provided an overview of the Public Safety Local Option Income Tax (PSLOIT), which was created in 2009. She explained that prior to consolidation, Clinton County had three separate dispatch centers, which caused delays and inefficiencies. The county enacted the new PSLOIT tax to fund the creation of the consolidated Central Dispatch Center, which officially began operations in 2011. The first five-year agreement signed by Kirklin in 2009 directed 100% of their PSLOIT distributions toward the creation of the new dispatch center, with a declining rate down to 60%. In 2014, a new agreement was signed to begin in 2015 for a 50% distribution for five years, at which time the agreement would automatically renew unless one party gave written notice to terminate. Now simply known as LIT (Local Income Tax), Central Dispatch receives 25% of Kirklin's distribution for continued support. She reviewed Kirklin's financial contributions from 2017 to 2025, noting a calculation error by the auditor's office in 2023–2024 that led to an overpayment to municipalities, which was corrected in 2025. Renee highlighted the center's 24/7 operations, staff cross-training in police, fire, and EMS dispatch, recent technological and improvements, staff expansion, and the purchase of new portable radios through a grant. Employees are also certified in law and fire, as well as in EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatching), which enables them to give pre-arrival oral instructions on subjects such as CPR. Central Dispatch oversees tornado siren testing and activation, mass notifications via Nixle, and is now utilizing Rapid SOS. Ms. Crick emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration among city, county, and town officials to maintain reliable emergency response services. Jerry Faucett asked if Kirklin is paying the same as the other county towns and Renee responded yes. Brent Stetler asked Renee if Kirklin should have a new agreement for the 25% since the most recent one signed in 2014 still shows 50%. Jay Moore, town attorney, believes that a new agreement should be signed until it

is clear how SB1 will affect LIT and Renee responded that she will get with Alan (Dunn) regarding the issue. She also provided information to the council explaining that FEMA requires the county to update their Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years and that if Kirklin anticipates needing to apply to FEMA for a multi-hazard grant, at least one council member must participate in two meetings planned for November and January. Craig Hudzinski arrived during Ms. Crick's presentation.

2026 BUDGET - Walt Minnick made a motion to approve 2026 Budget Ordinance #2025-10-1. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it carried with a unanimous vote.

SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – Mindi Jobe made a motion to approve Commonwealth Engineering Inv #64382 in the amount of \$4,110.94 and Insituform Technologies Pay App #6 in the amount of \$136,855.22. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it carried with a unanimous vote.

THE BRIDGE - Dave Harness and Sherry Stowers attended the meeting to discuss the Bridge project and the electrical needs at the park. Dave reported that meetings had been held with a couple of Town Council members to review and revise the lease and construction agreements. Drafts have been submitted, and the town attorney has provided additional revisions as needed. Jay Moore advised that while a long-term lease is allowed, the Town Council cannot legally bind future councils to ongoing financial obligations such as utilities or insurance as those expenses must be appropriated annually. He also noted that builder's risk insurance should be in place during construction as recommended having a project manager to oversee it. Melinda Jobe, who also sits on The Bridge board, is confident that Dave can oversee the project due to him being an engineer, along with Bill Brock. The estimated cost of the electrical needs is approximately \$60,000, including \$30,000 for internal wiring and \$25,000–\$30,000 for Duke Energy's underground service. The upgrade would provide 800-amp service for The Bridge building, concession stand, restroom building, and vendor areas used during Kirk's Crossing. Council members also discussed planning for future expansion to add more vendor plug-ins and improve power distribution. Sherry Stowers would like to get an agreement signed soon so that The Bridge can begin fundraising. Dave stated that the total approximate project cost to be \$260,000.00 and The Bridge is requesting that the Town consider contributing up to \$30,000 toward the electrical work. Dave said that the funds requested is not a hurdle The Bridge cannot jump over, but that the project would take longer. Once the lease and construction agreements are finalized and signed, The Bridge will begin fundraising and design work. The council and The Bridge discussed rental income. Melinda would like for the rent to come through the Town so that customers can receive a receipt. They discussed using the rental income first to pay utilities and maintenance costs. The Bridge would clean the building before and after its activities. Council also discussed cleaning deposits and thermostat locks to help control utility costs, and suggestions on how to allocate costs.

STORM WATER PLANNING GRANT – Melinda Jobe noted that the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) did not award any storm water planning grants in this recent round that the Town applied for. She has a call set up with Amy Miller with Cornerstone Grants and Gerry White with OCRA to discuss the next round.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Brendon Bright stated that during the past month the department received 18 calls for service, issued three ordinance violation warnings, and conducted 14 traffic stops, resulting in two infractions, one misdemeanor arrest, and thirteen warnings. He introduced Jay Rosen and recommended him for hire as a part-time deputy marshal, which would bring the department back up to five deputies. Mr. Rosen introduced himself to the Council, noting that he served nearly 26 years with the Lafayette Police Department. Jay stated that after retiring in 2021, he continued working for the City of Lafayette in the Engineering Department performing code enforcement. He shared that he misses law enforcement and would like to return to police work in a small-town setting. Jerry Faucett made a motion to approve hiring Jay Rosen as a part-time deputy marshal. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it carried unanimously. Brendon noted that Jay will begin the required training and firearms qualification before taking regular shifts.

CLERK TREASURER – Karla Bucheli provided the following reports that Clerk Treasurer Tara Walker prepared for the Town Council for the month ending September 20, 2025: Revenue, Appropriations, Statement of Reconciled Accounts, Adjustment Register, and the Allowance Docket; and the Register of Claims ending October 9, 2025. Seeing no questions, the Town Council signed the Allowance Docket, Adjustment Register, and the Register of Claims. Melinda Jobe also reviewed and signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts and bank statements prior to the meeting.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS – Mindi Jobe made a motion to approve leak adjustments for the following accounts: Kurt Foster in the amount of \$241.11 and Jamie (for Rex) Pitzer in the amount of \$21.45. The motion was seconded by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously.

Seeing no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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