

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

JULY 21, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall located at 301 S. Branson St., Marion, IN 46952.

1. ROLL CALL

Members present: Vickie Nevels, Fred Cohlhepp, and Mario Speed

Absent: Alex Huskey and Virginia Drake

Also present: Jeff Edwards, Chuck Martindale, Chief Gilbert, Deputy Chiefs Stefanatos and Butche, Sgt. Biddle, Sgt. Wert, and Whitney Gilbert

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Approval of July 07, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Vickie Nevels entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 07, 2025.

Motion: Mario Speed

Seconded: Fred Cohlhepp

Motion Carried

NOTE: Vickie Nevels reordered the agenda to provide the Marion Police Department time to coordinate their presentation with participating families arriving at the time.

3. TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT – BUS SALE BID OPENING

Jeff Edwards and Chuck Martindale opened and publicly presented the sole bid received for the two commercial buses. They requested that the board accept the bid as submitted and advised that, following consultation with the City Attorney, they will present their formal recommendation to the board at its meeting on August 4, 2025.

Commercial Bus and Vehicles, LLC:	Bus #1 \$3,333.00
	Bus #2 \$3,703.00

Vicki Nevels entertained a motion to accept Commercial Bus and Vehicles, LLC's bid.

Motion: Fred Cohlhepp

Seconded: Vickie Nevels

Motion Carried

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT - PROMOTIONS

Chief Gilbert addressed the Board and invited Officers Biddle and Wert to bring their families forward. He then administered the oath of office to each officer individually and formally presented their promotions to the Board. No action was necessary by the board.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT - RESOLUTION 7-2025 – VEHICLE DONATION

Deputy Chief Stefanatos presented a resolution to the Board, requesting approval for the donation of five retired duty vehicles to Marion Community Schools.

Vickie Nevels entertained a motion to approve resolution 7-2025.

Motion: Fred Cohlhepp

Seconded: Mario Speed

Motion Carried

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Virginia Drake

Seconded: Fred Cohlhepp

Motion Carried