

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
OCTOBER 06, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, October 06, 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: Alex Huskey, Fred Cohlhepp, Mario Speed, Vickie Nevels, and Virginia Drake

Also present: Deputy Chief Mark Stefanatos, Sergeant Biddle, and record keeper Whitney Gilbert

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Approval of September 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to approve the September 15, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion: Mario Speed Seconded: Fred Cohlhepp Motion Carried

3. MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT – TASERS

Deputy Chief Stefanatos and Sergeant Biddle presented a quote from Axon in the amount of \$294,372.00 for the purchase of new tasers. They explained that the proposal includes 62 upgraded units, comprehensive training, and replacement cartridges. The request is intended to replace the department's current tasers, which have become obsolete, are no longer under warranty, and rely on costly replacement cartridges and outdated technology.

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to approve the purchase of the new tasers from Axon for \$294,372.00.

Motion: Vickie Nevels Seconded: Fred Cohlhepp Motion Carried

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Cohlhepp provided an update to the Board on the Smash and Dash zoning matter, noting that the project is progressing as planned.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Fred Cohlhepp Seconded: Virginia Drake Motion Carried