

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2025**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Monday, December 15, 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**

President Alex Huskey called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

Members present: Alex Huskey, Mario Speed, Vickie Nevels, and Virginia Drake

Members Absent: Fred Cohlhepp

Also present: Administrative Support Whitney Gilbert; City Attorney Michael Hotz, Street Department Superintendent Randy Hiatt

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Approval of December 01, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Alex Huskey asked whether there were any corrections to the December 01, 2025, minutes. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve.

Motion: Vickie Nevels      Seconded: Mario Speed      Motion Carried

**3. CITY OF MARION – PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR EXPENDITURES USING FEDERAL FUNDS**

Attorney Hotz presented the proposed procurement policy for expenditures using federal funds, explaining its importance for audit compliance and the need to align federal, state, and grant-specific requirements. Discussion included clarification that applicable local approval thresholds would still apply and that expenditures would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to ensure compliance with all governing regulations. President Huskey emphasized preserving the intent of the policy on record for future administrations.

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to approve Resolution 9-2025 approving the procurement policy.

Motion: Mario Speed      Seconded: Vickie Nevels      Motion Carried

**4. STREET DEPARTMENT – EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

Mr. Hiatt presented a request to purchase two vehicles for the Street Department:

- One 2025 Ford F-150 Crew Cab 4x4 (\$51,664.95)
- One 2025 Ford F-250 Crew Cab 4x4 (\$61,283.63)

He explained the decision to move away from Dodge trucks due to significant maintenance issues and to purchase Ford vehicles from a local dealer for reliability, service availability, and improved performance for plowing, towing, and alley work. Board discussion included bid comparisons, maintenance costs of older fleet vehicles, and the need to obtain three competitive bids for future purchases.

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to approve the purchase of both vehicles, using the Street Maintenance account.

Motion: Vickie Nevels      Seconded: Mario Speed      Motion Carried

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Alex Huskey entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Vickie Nevels      Seconded: Mario Speed      Motion Carried