

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on December 22, 2025. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana, and was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Councilwoman Starr offered prayer, and Mayor Listenberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robert Listenberger presided over Council members Duane Culp, Don Ecker Jr., Kayla Krathwohl, Randy Longanecker, Shiloh Carothers Milner, Linda Starr, and Dave Morrow, who were physically present. City Attorney Houin and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Gorski were also present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Zoom and streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofPlymouth>.

Council members Starr and Culp moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Common Council on December 8, 2025, as presented. The motion carried.

Council members Ecker and Longanecker moved and seconded to set the 2026 meeting dates for the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of moving the May 25, 2026, meeting to the following day on May 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The motion carried.

Mayor Listenberger wished to thank all the department heads and council members as this had been a good year. He appreciated all the input and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New Business from the council listed below:

- Starr: Fun employee Christmas party last week.
- Krathwohl: Participated in the Cookie Walk on Thursday and wished to thank everyone who's made Thursday nights possible downtown.
- Morrow: Stated the tree by Bowen Printing was beautiful thanks to Dawn Smith.

Council members Longanecker and Milner moved and seconded to nominate and elect Don Ecker Jr. as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Nominations were closed and the motion carried with Ecker abstaining.

Council members Longanecker and Krathwohl moved and seconded to appoint Dennis Manuwal Jr. to the Marshall County Unsafe Building and Premises Board. The motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski provided a list of mayoral appointments as follows:

Board of Aviation – Reappoint Glenn Daven and Ken Houin

Park and Recreation Board – Reappoint Cayla Wade

Board of Zoning Appeals – Reappoint Art Jacobs

Redevelopment Commission – Reappoint Craig Hopple, Nathan Davis, and Lana Ball

Alcoholic Beverage Board – Reappoint Bryan Howard

Historic Preservation Commission – No suggestions provided.

For Council Appointments, the Mayor had suggested the following:

Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate – No suggestions provided.

Redevelopment Commission – Appoint Kara Steele and Reappoint Mike Miley

Council members Morrow and Krathwohl moved and seconded to approve the appointments as presented. The motion carried.

Gorski asked if there was an appointment for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ecker replied there was a candidate that they needed to talk to. Those appointments would be brought back up at the January meeting.

City Attorney Houin introduced Resolution No. 2025-1186, A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Plymouth Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds Pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5.

Houin stated this was an annual approval so that the Clerk-Treasurer could invest funds on behalf of the city.

Council members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-1186, A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Plymouth Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds Pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5 as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1186

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH
AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS
PURSUANT TO IC 5-13-9-5**

WHEREAS, the City of Plymouth (the "City") desires pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5 to allow banks outside the political subdivision to submit quotes on public funds certificates of deposit for the purpose of investing its operating and utility funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Common Council of the City of Plymouth as follows:

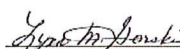
Section 1. Pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5, the Common Council of the City of Plymouth hereby authorizes the investing officer of the City to invest in certificates of deposit of depositories that have not been designated by the local board of finance but have been designated by the state board of finance as a depository for state deposits under IC 5-13-9.5.

Section 2. This authorization expires one (1) year after the adoption date.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth this 22nd day of December, 2025.


Robert Listenberg, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

City Attorney Houin introduced Resolution No. 2025-1187, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations Within Funds.

Council members Longanecker and Morrow moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-1187, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations Within Funds as presented.

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-1187

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN DEPARTMENTS AND FUNDS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, INDIANA AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND FORWARDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR ACTION AND PASSAGE PURSUANT TO IC 6-1.1-18-6

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-18-6 provides that all cities using departmental budgets may, by ordinance or resolution, transfer appropriations from one major budget classification to another within a department or office at any regular public meeting without prior notice and without approval from the Department of Local Government Finance, provided such transfer does not necessitate expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the budget.


WHEREAS, certain extraordinary conditions have developed since the adoption of the existing annual budget for the year 2025 and it is now necessary to transfer appropriations into different categories than was appropriated in the annual budget for various departments.

WHEREAS, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations have unobligated balances will be available for transferring as follows:

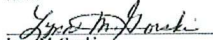
Department	From Account		To Account	Amount
Engineering	1101.003.433.0200-Legal Ad	529.00	1101.003.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	529.00
	1101.003.436.0000-Maintenance Cont.	2,187.50	1101.003.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	2,187.50
	1101.003.445.0300-Equipment	6,283.50	1101.003.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	6,283.50
			Total for Engineering Department	\$9,000.00
Police	1101.009.432.0400-Telephone	2,553.04	1101.009.422.0210-Gasoline	2,553.04
	1101.009.432.0400-Telephone	190.85	1101.009.423.0000-Off. Materials	190.85
	1101.009.432.0400-Telephone	194.21	1101.009.429.0000-Off. Supplies	194.21
			Total for Police Department	\$2,938.10
Fire	1101.010.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	21,667.12		
	1101.010.436.0100-Maintenance Cont.	3,166.05		
			1101.010.421.0000-Office Supplies	75.27
			1101.010.422.0200-Garage & Motor	4,869.11
			1101.010.422.0210-Fuel	1,863.46
			1101.010.422.0320-Medical Supplies	15,073.73
			1101.010.423.0000-Off. Materials	419.06
			1101.010.423.0300-Tools	32.99
			1101.010.429.0000-Off. Supplies	1,788.88
			1101.010.432.0400-Telephone	322.04
			1101.010.435.0000-Utilities	315.32
			1101.010.439.0100-Profunds	93.31
			Total for Fire Department	\$24,853.17
City Properties	1101.011.435.0000-Acquisitions Costs	6,922.00	1101.011.436.0011-Engine House 1876 Expenses	6,922.00
	1101.011.443.0100-Building Improveme	4,132.00	1101.011.436.0011-Engine House 1876 Expenses	4,132.00
	1101.011.444.0000-Improvements	17,040.00	1101.011.436.0011-Engine House 1876 Expenses	17,040.00
	1101.011.445.0000-Equipment	21,166.00	1101.011.436.0011-Engine House 1876 Expenses	21,166.00
			Total for City Properties	\$49,260.00
Aviation	2206.000.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	78.02	2206.000.421.0000-Office Supplies	78.02
	2206.000.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	238.10	2206.000.423.0000-Off. Materials	238.10
	2206.000.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	60.71	2206.000.423.0300-Tools	60.71
	2206.000.431.0500-Contractual Svcs	206.68	2206.000.429.0000-Off. Supplies	206.68
			Total for Aviation	\$603.51
Park Non-Reverting	2211.000.429.0000-Other Supplies	5,074.56	2211.000.411.0140-Salaries Part-Time	5,074.56
			Total for Park Non-Reverting	\$5,074.56
Park Gift	2301.000.436.0500-Gifts on Services	3,218.25	2301.000.429.0000-Gifts on Supplies	3,218.25
			Total for Park Gift	\$3,218.25
Crime Prevention/K9	2504.000.429.0000-Other Supplies	150.00	2504.000.438.0000-Fees and Dues	150.00
			Total for Crime Prevention/K9	\$150.00

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, that for the expenses of various departments the appropriations are hereby transferred and set apart out of the funds named for the purposes specified in the 2025 annual budget, subject to the laws governing the same, and that such sums are herein transferred unless otherwise stipulated by law.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council on the 22nd day of December, 2025.


Robert Listenberger, Presiding Officer

Attest:


Lisa M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Listenberger introduced the Marshall County SAFE Housing Response Team. He explained they were here requesting assistance with funding a newer program that has been

developed called the SAFE Housing Response Team. He wished to thank the County Council members last week who supported it and see below the letter he wrote to the County Council.

“12-8-25

Marshall County Council Members,

Over the last year, we have had three separate instances where families in our community suddenly required relocation for housing. Each time, I reached out with urgency, starting with the United Way, and each time they quickly organized alongside several volunteers and stepped forward. They opened their hearts, gave them their time, and provided immediate relief. We can count on them—they have proven that on three different occasions.

But our volunteers are asking for help. They cannot do this alone. What they need now is financial support to ensure that when the next crisis comes—and it is not a matter of *if*, but *when*—we are ready. SAFE housing funding provides that readiness.

This response team is geared toward multi-family dwellings. Run-down apartments, outdated hotels, and neglected properties that are no longer safe or sustainable. When these places close, it is not for one or two individuals who are being displaced, this program is for multiple families during one big event. That scale of need requires more than emergency goodwill; it requires a coordinated plan and resources.

As I, and many others, have pondered for years: what can a community truly do when families suddenly find themselves in this crisis? This plan provides a place for tonight, stability through the first month, and possibly into the second month. That is what we can do. And from the very beginning, it will be clear with those we are helping: this support is designed for that immediate timeframe, to give them breathing room and dignity in the midst of a crisis. Will we continue to help individuals beyond that? In certain situations, yes. But SAFE housing ensures that families know they will not be left alone, and volunteers know they have the resources to respond.

The SAFE housing response team is not just about shelter, it is about dignity, opportunity, and resilience. It is about ensuring that when the next multifamily displacement occurs, and it will, we have more than goodwill; we have a plan.

I urge you to contribute to this funding and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Robert Listenberger

Mayor, City of Plymouth”

Mayor Listenberger stated the Marshall County Council unanimously supported this.

Linda Yoder of United Way thanked the Mayor for being proactive in addressing the issue.

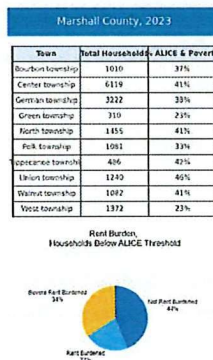
Linda Yoder and Brent Martin presented a report about the Marshall County SAFE Housing Response Team.





Structural Housing Shortages Across Marshall County

- Significant shortage of affordable rental units and starter homes
- Over 2,000+ units needed to meet projected demand
- United Way/local studies classify situation as a true county-wide housing crisis
- Limited local shelter capacity forces people into alternative housing options



ALICE and Marshall County Poverty Level Households

- **39% struggling to afford essentials**
11% are below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
28% are ALICE households (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)
- **56% of Marshall County ALICE renters are cost burdened**
- **ALICE survival budget for:**
Family of 4 requires \$72,234/yr - \$36.16 per hr
Single adults requires \$26,232/yr - \$13.12 per hr

Economic Vulnerability of Residents

- Low wages and unstable or seasonal employment create chronic housing instability
- Barriers to traditional renting: poor credit, past evictions, lack of savings
- High upfront rental costs push people toward weekly motel rates
- Residents often must choose immediate shelter over long-term stability

Motels Becoming Long-Term Housing

- Motels originally intended for short stays become last-resort housing
- No lease, no background checks, and weekly payment options
- Residents include families, elderly, disabled individuals, and the working poor
- Lack of tenant protections increases vulnerability to exploitation

Weak
Regulation &
Enforcement

Extended-stay residents often not legally classified as tenants

Local inspection resources stretched thin

Habitability and safety standards inconsistently enforced in motels, mobile home parks, and older apartment

Issues like mold, unsafe wiring, and falling structures may persist for years

Owner
Neglect &
Poor
Conditions

• Chronic underinvestment in maintenance by some motel landlords; sometimes conditions persisted for years before enforcement could intervene

• Structural hazards: unsafe balconies, stairways, and railings creating immediate safety risks for families, seniors and children

• Emergency vacate orders highlight long-standing issues

• Residents often unaware of rights – or afraid to report conditions

Marshall County Resident Displacements
15 Month Overview

Three events impacting 89 residents, including 10 children:

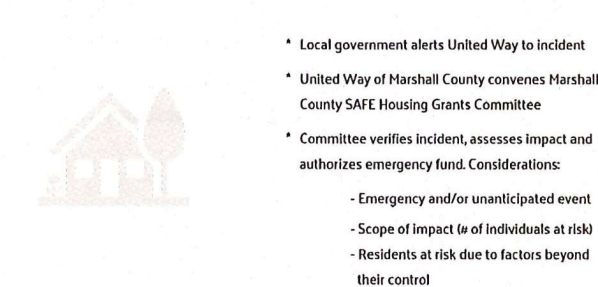
18 Residents	31 Residents	40 Residents
July 2024	June 2025	October 2025
The Pointe Apartments	Red Rock Inn, 2 nd Floor 26 Adults, 5 Children	Red Rock Inn, 1 st Floor 35 Adults, 5 Children

Argos Bourbon Bremen Culver LaPaz Plymouth



Purpose	Partners	Support	Oversight
• Immediate short term assistance while long-term housing is arranged • Coordinated emergency response • Activated when multiple Marshall County individuals and families are displaced due to unsafe living conditions	• United Way and nonprofit network • Faith-based communities • Government officials • Township trustees	• 6-8 weeks transitional housing assistance • Leveraging all available resources • Quick response grants deployed to nonprofit partners	• MC SAFE Housing Grants Committee w/representatives from county and each city and town, United Way, Community Foundation • MC SAFE Housing Fund at UWMC • Transparency, financial stewardship and accountability ensured

Coordinated Housing Crisis Response Framework



Response Team Activated



Process Includes ...

Application & Eligibility Forms assess needs

Communication protocols protect privacy of individuals and families

Partnerships are established and maintained with hotels, landlords, and other housing providers to secure solutions and potential group discounts

All available resources are identified and leveraged

Nonprofit partners request funds as needed and approved by SAFE Housing Grants Committee

Record-keeping and expenditure monitoring systems are in place to track and record results

United Way Role

Serving as central, neutral hub for coordinating emergency housing response across Marshall County

- Ensures all communities and partners operate from the same playbook
- Strong Financial Accountability
- Rapid Crisis Response
- Neutral Leadership
- Infrastructure to Turn Donor Investments into Immediate and Lasting Housing Stability



Prior Outcomes: Case by Case Examples

- Transportation**
For relocation to another city, town, or state
- Short-Term Housing (e.g. hotels)**
Emergency housing before moving to longer term housing solution - often necessary in the first 24-72 hours after displacement event
- Independent Transition**
Those with stable income may be able to secure permanent housing on their own.
- Shared Housing**
Transition from short-term to partnering with roommate/s or moving in with family or friends.
- Extended Case Management**
Support to overcome barriers such as limited income, prior convictions, or past eviction history.



Provides immediate, flexible funding for emergency shelter

Prevents families from falling into homelessness after displacement.

Offsets high temporary housing costs (e.g., hotels)

Ensures safe, dignified shelter during unsafe housing events

Protects children, seniors, and vulnerable residents

**Public Investment:
Essential for
Short-term
Displacement**

Estimated Cost per Incident

\$50-\$60,000

Includes hotel stays, transportation, deposits, and supplies

20-30 people

of residents typically affected in single vacate orders

6-8 week period

Average time for stabilization and transition to longer term housing

Based on recent displacement events (The Pointe, Red Rock)



Steering Committee

Mayor Robert Listenberger, City of Plymouth
Brandon Schadek, County Councilman
Sister Connie Bach, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ
Amanda Beck, New Song Church
Jack Davis, Faith-based Communities Coalition
Makyla DePoy, United Way
Barb Holcomb, Link to Hope
Tom Keb, Link to Hope
Brent Martin, SRKM Architecture
Linda Yoder, United Way



Members bring expertise in housing, case management, emergency response and community leadership.

Starr stated she knew from people who lived out at both the Economy Inn and Red Rock Inn that those places are not cheap. She stated you think they were with the way they look and the way people must live, but they're not. Martin added that they are about \$900/month on average.

Morrow stated he thought this was a great program and asked if this fund would be subject to the administrative expenses from United Way. Yoder replied it was separate.

Longanecker asked with this being a community issue if anyone else other than Marshall County and Plymouth had been addressed.

Martin replied that they were going to go to everybody, but they started with Marshall County and Plymouth. He stated they would then schedule with the other towns in Marshall County and hopefully they participate.

Barbara Holcomb stated this was not cheap to live in the motels but to get into an apartment, you must have first month's rent, deposit, utility deposit, utilities, etc. She stated that it was thousands of dollars initially so that was why some could only afford to live week to week at \$300. She stated many of them could not get over that hump to get that savings, that big lump sum to get into a more permanent place. She stated some can and they had worked on that, so they had been able to help those people. She stated that by allowing people to have that month of moratorium so that they can save up their money, they have gotten half of them into permanent housing because we were able to give them moratorium time so that they could build up that fund so that they could get into more permanent housing.

Ecker asked if the funding was within the United Way or the Community Foundation.

Yoder replied this was a United Way program. She stated on the Community Foundation side, the grant money that was received from LILLY Endowment for a regional housing initiative, we are forming a Community Development Corporation (CDC). She stated that it was coming through the United Way as the Community Foundation provided the funding, but the structure was underneath the United Way umbrella. She explained by doing that we would qualify for additional housing support that's not available to us at this point in Marshall County. She stated it was not any one solution that was going to lift it all up, but all these components that are working together.

Krathwohl asked what we were doing to help people who are in the Economy Inn currently. She asked if we had provided them with sources or anything, so we are not getting to this level currently. She asked if there was anything that we were doing out in the community with United Way or Community Foundation.

Yoder replied that volunteers were out there all the time. She listed Link to Hope, Township Trustees, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, etc. She stated that the relationship that Sister Connie and Barbara Holcomb have out there with the residents made a huge difference as there was already an established trust factor.

Mayor Listenberger explained from the start so many people asked what the plan was to address the Red Rock Inn after how many years. He stated they heard the same story repeatedly, so you all came up with the idea. He stated if there was something that had to be done, then there's also a humane way too to help those that are in that situation. He stated he may have attended some of the meetings but the work that they're out there doing when these incidents happen, they would be at inconvenient hours, especially on weekends. He stated as a community he had felt that this was something we could do to help for the first or second month. He stated there were a lot of successes and many are paying less now. He stated there were others who said they had family in St. Louis, Missouri and that they just needed to get there and this response team got them there. He stated they had intake forms now, they're organized, and everyone had their own individual stories, but they got in there and found out what those are. He stated it takes time to interview all these folks when these events happen and that was what the volunteers had been doing. He stated we had mostly been counting on money from the Sisters and the United Way but they need more help.

Ecker stated in the past 18 months, we've taken aggressive action against some very unsafe buildings with landlords who were not taking the proper course of action. He stated we knew when we made these decisions as a council, we were disrupting some folks living in unsafe conditions. He stated that aggressiveness was towards the landlord to try to hold them accountable but unfortunately there was displacement because of this. He stated that the residents had value and they deserve respect as best we can offer it. He stated he would personally support this program, and he did not know how much more compassionate he could be about it.

Mayor Listenberger added that we've earmarked the Opioid Settlement Unrestricted Fund to fund this \$25,000.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski asked if the plan was still to fund the new K-9 out of that fund.

Mayor Listenberger replied that there was \$46,000 there and that we could fund both.

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Longanecker asked what the backup plan was if the other communities do not participate and they do not meet the \$150,000 goal.

Yoder replied that they would continue to fundraise.

Martin added that it was never going to end. He stated he would be disappointed if some communities do not participate. He stated he did not mind making the same pitch to every other town because it was a countywide issue as we are not aware where the next crisis was going to be. He stated United Way was a county agency.

Morrow asked what action we could take tonight.

Mayor Listenberger suggested we take \$25,000 from the Opioid Settlement Unrestricted Fund. He stated we might have to do a little fundraising at the Police Department as he had no idea how much a K-9 cost, but a K-9 and this was what we talked about for that fund.

Council members Morrow and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the \$25,000 request out of the Opioid Settlement Unrestricted Fund as presented. The motion was later tabled.

Krathwohl suggested we table this request until we see where all the funds stand rather than just jumping into something right now.

Longanecker asked if they needed to act on the first motion first.

Houin replied that they could table the motion before voting on it. He stated there was a motion to approve the request and a second motion of privilege to table the first motion. He stated if they planned to use the Opioid funds, then they would need to be appropriated because there are funds in there, but there's more in that fund than what has been appropriated in the 2026 budget. He stated they would have to take action on that in January regardless, so if they were to table this request now, you could take further action at the same time.

Culp agreed with Krathwohl that he was not against this program whatsoever, but when it comes to funds, he thought that they needed to take a closer look. He explained that he did not want to lose the K-9 or say no to this request, but maybe we could take that other \$25,000 out of the Rainy Day Fund but that decision needed to come from the Clerk-Treasurer.

Houin added they could take action on the request for the program but not take action on the actual funding source because they're going to have to wait until January to make an appropriation regardless.

Culp asked if the original motion would need to be rescinded since it specified where the funds would be coming from.

Morrow replied that his motion was to support the program. The funding source was identified as the Opioid Settlement Unrestricted Fund in the original motion contrary to the prior statement.

Houin stated the question was whether to table the original motion. He stated either Krathwohl would need to rescind her motion or you would have to vote on the motion to table.

Mayor Listenberger stated he did not see it necessary to table the motion as we could show our support tonight. He believed we could easily identify the funds because he knew there was \$46,000 in the Opioid Settlement Unrestricted Funds. He believed that we should be leaders and show support for this group.

Longanecker stated if he was forced into making that decision tonight that it would be a definite no from him. He stated if he had time to think about it then he would.

Council members Krathwohl and Longanecker moved and seconded to table the request. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Councilman in Favor: Culp, Krathwohl, Longanecker, and Starr

Councilman Opposed: Ecker, Milner, Morrow

Martin stated that he would not be going to any other towns until you guys decide. He stated Marshall County was unanimous.

Morrow stated he disagreed with that because if you're going to go to the other towns, anyway, why would you wait on Plymouth. He believed the support was here for this.

Martin stated that all those towns are going to give a lesser amount so he would rather have the ball rolling before he approached the smaller towns. He stated he was going to ask everybody the same request, but he knew that he was not going to get the full ask.

Longanecker stated it always goes back to Plymouth first or the County and that it was very frustrating that we are always the first ones to get the bucket put in front of them.

Yoder stated she had not told Martin, but she had already reached out to Culver. She stated she was not on the agenda yet but one of the council members was the United Way Board President.

Houin provided an update for ONE Marshall County. He explained for a while they have been working on a strategic plan and he was happy to say that they did adopt their strategic plan. He stated he was not going to spend a lot of time showing that to them tonight because board members would be scheduling meetings with all the different towns around the county to present that new plan and some of the things going forward. He provided a summary of some of the strategies and goals that had been identified in the plan. He listed the following:

- **Strategy Areas:**

- **Housing Infrastructure** – Housing capacity, in conjunction with Community Development Corporation being formed through United Way.
- **Utility Infrastructure Capacity Assessment** – Primary goal to determine the capacity of the different infrastructures across the county. He added this was critical when we are marketing to businesses and other developments to understand what the needs were and the available resources are.
- **Transportation** – Infrastructure improvements that affect multiple communities and multimodal transportation.
- **Quality of Life and Place** – Goals to expand and regionalize art assets.
- **Public Space Enhancements** – Improvements to public spaces, Downtown Streetscapes listed as an example.
- **Community Wellness** – Focused on LILLY FIFT IX and rural health grant opportunities trying to leverage some of the money to improve health outcomes in the county.
- **Workforce Readiness** – Growing programs at Career Innovation Center.
- **Entrepreneurship and Small Business Programs** – Pilot programs being adopted to develop resources and training opportunities for business across the county.

Houin added they also have an initiative to combine efforts for five nonprofit agencies. He stated the idea was that each would make financial contributions to ONE Marshall County to leverage that to bring in money through LILLY grants and those additional funds could be used to hire personnel to provide support for those nonprofits. He stated they are pooling their resources, leveraging them with grant money, and then receiving additional help for marketing or grant writing opportunities. He stated ONE Marshall County representatives should be coming to a future meeting to provide more in-depth information and give them an opportunity to ask more questions.

There were no updates for the Comprehensive Plan.

Culp asked if there was any information from IDEM about the Brownfields building on Washington Street.

Houin replied that they came back saying our core samples were a couple millimeters too shallow and they want new core samples so they can be retested. He stated he wasn't on the phone but from his understanding there was a very heated exchange that involved the private company doing the sampling and IDEM, but IDEM held their ground and are making them do more sampling. He explained it would probably be another 6-8 weeks before we receive the all clear from IDEM. He

stated in the meantime we would be working with the building owners to ensure that there are security measures in place to keep it safe for the public.

Culp asked if the sidewalk could be blocked off. He believed it would be good to keep people away from the building even if they had to be in the roadway.

Houin replied that it would take coordination between the Building Department and the property owners.

Mayor Listenberger stated with the house on the north side and the sidewalk between the two was really concerning as it could fall onto the house. He stated that was why they were urging IDEM to at least allow them to demolish the building and leave the slab clean.

Ecker asked if the owner had been approached about taking action.

Mayor Listenberger and Houin replied they spoke with them. Mayor Listenberger stated the concern on the north side was that not much could be done and the building on the north side would continue to be in jeopardy until that building came down.

Culp stated it had been weeks, and he had not seen anything done to the property.

Council members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to accept the following communications:

- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of December 8, 2025
- December 22, 2025 Check Register
- November 2025 Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports
- November 12, 2025 Board of Aviation Commissioners Minutes
- November 18, 2025 Redevelopment Commission Minutes

The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council members Longanecker and Milner moved and seconded to adjourn. Mayor Listenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED


Robert Listenberger, Mayor