

LEGALS

Notice of Public Hearing

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that the Area Plan Commission of the County of Ripley, Indiana, on the 6th Day of May, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., or immediately following the BZA meeting in the meeting room of the Ripley County Court House Annex in Versailles, Indiana, will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Area Comprehensive Plan Resolution Ripley County, Indiana, a part of the Master Plan for the County.

Amending Ordinance Section 81.13 Policy for Public Facilities, Versailles & Osgood, Indiana Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan.

Written suggestions or objections to the provisions of said proposed amendment may be filed with the Executive Director of the Ripley County Area Plan Commission at, or before such meeting and will be heard by the Area Plan Commission at the time and place specified. Said hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon the proposed amendment, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. In the event that said item is tabled or postponed, or the meeting is cancelled or postponed the application will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting. No further notification will be sent by certified mail or by publication.

Area Plan Commission of Ripley County, Indiana
By: Tad Brinson
Executive Director

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Batesville herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the 2025-1 Community Crossings Paving Program – Application #14105, located in the City of Batesville, Ripley County, Indiana.

Sealed bids are invited and may be forwarded by mail, other courier service or in person to the City of Batesville, Attn: John Kuntz, 132 S Main Street, Batesville, IN 47006 until 11:30 am on April 29, 2025. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the Special Bid Opening meeting at this time. Bids will then be taken under advisement for review by the owner and engineer.

The contract will consist of the following:

2025-1 CCMG Paving and associated work items of various streets throughout the City of Batesville.

Electronic bidding documents are available by emailing jkuntz@batesville.in.gov. A hard copy of the bidding documents are available at the City's Engineering office at 132 South Main Street, Batesville, IN 47006.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check

or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.

Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

The Owner may seek necessary investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the

work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Contract Documents. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included in the Contract Documents.

If project is \$150,000 or more – State of Indiana requirement as of 7/2018, Bidder is required to submit with bid a written plan for an employee drug testing program that complies with IC 4-13-18-5 and IC 4-13-18-6.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Any questions shall be directed to John Kuntz by email only at jkuntz@batesville.in.gov. The deadline for questions is Tuesday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.

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Governor Braun takes steps to improve retention of correctional officers and reduce recidivism

Governor Mike Braun today signed two executive orders centered around the Indiana Department of Correction.

The first executive order aims to help inmates secure gainful employment after they are released, to lower the rates of inmates going directly from incarceration to homelessness and reoffending.

The second executive order aims to improve working conditions for correctional officers with a comprehensive approach. Under this executive order, the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction will develop a comprehensive plan to improve employee retention, including collecting feedback about work environment and areas for improvement from employees, ensuring that employee training is providing new hires with the knowledge and skills they'll need to perform, and using benchmarks and metrics tracked by facility to monitor employee turnover and identity areas for improvement.

Executive Order 25-46: Improving Opportunity and Reducing Recidivism by Improving the Path for Reentry within the Department of Correction

"Hoosiers are safer when inmates have a clear pathway toward gainful employment and stable housing after they are released. This executive order aims to lower the reoffending rate by helping formerly incarcerated individuals find work and avoid homelessness." — Governor Mike Braun

Keeping Hoosiers safe from crime is always priority one for this administration on any issue of corrections and criminal justice.

Because a high percentage of crime is committed by individuals that have already been incarcerated, an important strategy to lower crime is to reduce recidivism, or reoffending among inmates after they have served their time.

One key factor to reduce recidivism is employment. Former inmates who are unable to maintain employment in the three years after release reoffend at a rate of 52%. For those who do maintain employment, that recidivism rate plummets to 16%.

Another factor is housing; inmates who are released as homeless are 50% more likely to reoffend.

This executive order aims to reduce the recidivism rate by improving employment pathways for formerly incarcerated individuals and working with community partners to secure temporary housing for individuals upon release.

Executive Order 25-47: Promoting Public Safety and Prison Security by Directing the Indiana Department of Correction to Implement Strategies to Improve Employee Retention

"Our corrections officers have a really tough job, and do it exceptionally well. Today, I'm taking action to make sure we retain our great correctional employees with a comprehensive approach to employee retention: we'll be improving training, listening to employees' feedback on their work environment and leadership effectiveness, and using data to identify high turnover areas where we can improve." — Governor Mike Braun

Indiana Department of Correction employees oversee more than 24,000 inmates in 21 facilities, and more than 7,000 parolees.

Due to the demanding and sometimes dangerous nature of their work, correctional officers experience high levels of on-the-job stress and burnout.

This executive order is designed to improve employee retention in this important field.

This executive order directs the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction to develop a comprehensive strategy for improving employee retention, specifically including:

- Establishing benchmarks and quarterly reports related to employee turnover, with a breakdown by facility, parole district, business unit, and shift assignment to identify areas for improvement.
- Evaluating onboarding and training practices, including establishing a four-week 'pre-service' academic program followed by on-the-job training.
- Developing a comprehensive retention plan using employee surveys and exit interviews to gather feedback on working conditions and refine retention strategies.

Governor Mike Braun was a national leader on improving working conditions for correctional officers in the U.S. Senate; his bipartisan Federal Prison Oversight Act to improve working conditions and keep federal corrections officers safe was signed into law last year.



Statement from State Sen. Randy Maxwell

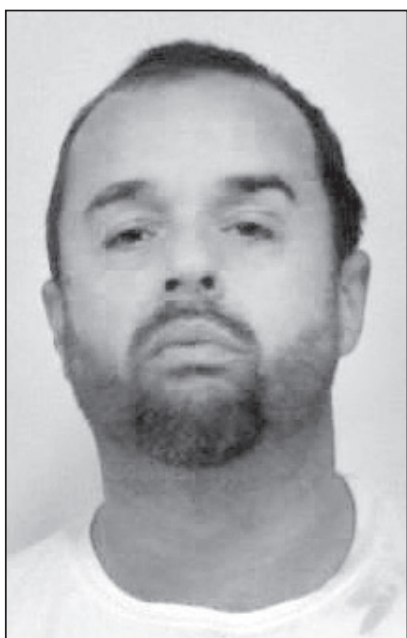
State Sen. Randy Maxwell (R-Guilford) made the following statement following severe weather and flooding in Senate District 43:

"With the recent heavy rains impacting southeastern Indiana, many areas throughout Senate District 43 have experienced flooding along creeks and rivers. I encourage motorists driving through the area to use caution and turn around if they encounter water over a roadway.

"I will continue to work with local and state officials to ensure resources get to those in need, and I encourage anyone who needs assistance to reach out to Indiana 211 by dialing 2-1-1 or 866-211-9966 or visiting in.211communityos.org. I also encourage residents to look at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's severe weather preparedness resource page.

"I know local residents will do what they can to help their neighbors in their time of need as we recover from this flooding, and I'm thankful for first responders and others for keeping our communities safe."

Local Man sentenced to 20 Years for dealing



Marc Rosignol

Marc Rosignol was sentenced to 20 years at the Department of Corrections after failing to comply with Community Corrections on April 9.

A Narcotics investigation spanning several months leads to pursuit, seizure of large quantity of Methamphetamine.

The investigation discovered that Marc Rosignol and other individuals were bringing large quantities of Methamphetamine into Jennings County for Distribution. As a result of the investigation, a Level 2 Felony Warrant was issued for Marc Rosignol for Dealing Methamphetamine.

On Monday June 5, 2023, Sgt. Thomas Mellencamp applied for and was granted

a Jennings County Search Warrant for Mr. Rossignol's residence as a further result of the ongoing investigation.

As Deputies were on their way to serve the warrant, one of the suspects involved, Christopher Kurdys, of Madison, Indiana left the residence. Deputies knew that Mr. Kurdys had an active Felony arrest warrant. Sgt. Cody Low attempted to stop Mr. Kurdys, who then fled at a high rate of speed initiating a pursuit. Deputy John Amis successfully deployed a tire deflation device, however, Mr. Kurdys continued Southbound through North Vernon at a high rate of speed. Mr. Kurdys crashed into a pole on South State Street near the Sheriff's Office causing substantial damage. Mr. Kurdys suffered serious injuries and was flown to an Indianapolis area hospital where he is in stable condition. A large amount of illegal Narcotics and cash were located in Mr. Kurdys vehicle and Mr. Kurdys was a Habitual Traffic Violator.

At the same time as the pursuit, other Deputies went to Mr. Rossignol's residence and served the Search Warrant. At Mr. Rossignol's residence, Deputies located over 1 pound of Methamphetamine, more than \$10,000 in cash, scales, packaging material, and a firearm. Mr. Rossignol is a serious violent felon and restricted from owning firearms. There were 2 children that were 3 months old present in the home during this incident.

Mr. Kurdys will be taken into custody upon his release from the hospital and will face numerous charges.

Marc Rosignol was remanded to the Jennings County Jail on numerous charges.

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Public Auction
Having sold my farm, I will be selling the following items at public auction. Auction address: 1285 West County Road 1050 North Batesville, Indiana 47006. Directions: From Napoleon, go North 1 1/2 Miles on US 421 to 1250 North, then go East ~3 Miles to the auction site. Go to auctionzip.com, #9334 for full listing and pictures.
Saturday, April 19, 2025
Beginning at 9:00 Indiana Time
Auctioneer's Note: Farm equipment and vehicles to sell between 9:30-10. Vehicle and tractors not running. Call for details.
Farm Equipment, Tools and Misc. Items: 1950 J.D. A Tractor, W/801 3 Pt. Hitch; 1951 J.D. A Tractor (Good Back Tires); 1950 M Farmall Tractor; J.D. A Front Cultivators; J.D. A Wheel Weights; 2 J.D. No. 5 Sickle Bar Mowers; J.D. 2 Bottom Plows, Cylinder lift; J.D. Mounted 2 Bottom PLOW; J.D. 2 Row Rotary Hoe; J.D. 8' Flex Harrow; J.D. 8' Pull Type Double Disk; IHC 7' Double Pull Type Disk (Good Blades); J.D. 3 Pt. Hitch, 4 Bar PTO Hay Rake; J.D. Flail Chopper; J.D. 14T Square Baler; New Holland 268 Square Baler; Yale 10' Stock Trailer, Tandem Axle; 8 1/2' Brillion Single Cultipacker; New Idea 5' Pull Type Sickle Bar Mower; 3 Flat Bed Wagons, 2-14', 1-10'; IHC 13 Hole Wheat Drill on Steal; J.D. Grain Blower; King Kutter 3 Pt. Hitch, 6' Grader Blade; Approx. 125 Bu. Gravity Wagon; 10' Steel Drag; Ford Reversible 3 Pt. Hitch Slip Scoop; 3 Pt Hitch Tractor Boom; 3 Pt. Hitch Potato Plow; Sm. Seeder, PTO; 2 Row Harrow; Burr Mill; 40' New Idea Double Chain Elevator (For Parts); 2 Wheel Farm Trailer; Cardinal 20' Single Chain Aluminum Elevator; Hydraulic Cylinders; J.D. 8' Lime Spreader (Rough); 5 Galvanized Water Troughs; Feed Barrel/Troughs; Approx. 100 Locusts Posts; Approx. 100 T Posts; Rund Bale Feeder; 16' Pipe Gate; 3' Lawn Roller; 2 Fanning Mills; 300 Gal. Fuel Barrel on Stand; Scrap Pile; Scrap Mowers; 225 Lincoln Arc Welder; 2 Wheel Dolly; Extension Ladders; Misc. Lumber; Homelite Transfer Pump; Endless Drive Belts; Drill Press; Handled Tools
Vehicle: 1993 4x4 Ford Pick-up Truck, F250 XL w/ V8 5.8 Engine, 5 Speed Transmission, (~100,000 Miles).
Collectable Mower/Tiller, Antiques, & Old Items: 1964 J.D. 110 Riding Lawn Mower; 1960 Bolens, Tiller; J.D. Corn Sheller; Metal Handle Push Plow; Brass Sleigh Bells; 2-Man Crosscut Saw; Child's Sled.
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