

1. Time & Place
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5. Register of Claims
6. Street Closure Application, Ball State University Spring Commencement (5/2/26)
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8. Veridus Police Station Phase I
9. L & W Billboard Contract 2026
10. Right-of-way Use Application, Art Installation
11. Public Comments – Rick Yencer
12. Adjournment

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2026**  
**CLAIMS PACKET & MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Board of Public Works and safety, City of Muncie, State of Indiana, met in City Hall Auditorium, at 9:00 a.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Members Present:** Ted Baker – Lola Mauer – Linda Gregory
4. **Approval of the Minutes for February 4, 2026:** President Ted Baker entertained a motion to approve. Lola Mauer moved to approve minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting as printed. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Register of Claims:** Craig Wright, City Controller, wished to bring attention to a few claims:
  - ✓ Page 5 \$41,487.82 Indiana Michigan Power traffic signals & street lights.
  - ✓ Page 6 \$148,051.79 Tyler Technologies split with county New World.
  - ✓ Page 16 \$272,940.91 3D Company MVH Restricted Columbus Ave. reconstruction.
  - ✓ EFT \$75,883.60 Alternative Service Concepts WC/GL claims.
  - ✓ EFTS \$37,732.06 UMR

Linda Gregory moved to approve register of claims of **379 Records** for a total amount of **\$1,307,095.69** as presented. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
6. **Street Closure Application, Ball State University Spring Commencement 5/2/26):** Lieutenant Anthony Hurst of the Ball State Police Department requested a road closure for McKinley Avenue between Riverside and University from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for traffic control and safety. Lola Mauer moved to approve the street closure application. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
7. **Street Closure Application, The Woodlands Community Anniversary Event (5/14/26):** Connie Kiger requested closure of the street from the east to the west side of the building for an anniversary event featuring live music and food trucks. It was noted that MPD does not provide actual closure services; the applicant is responsible for the physical closure. Lola Mauer moved to approve the street closure application. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
8. **Veridus Police Station Phase I:** Mayor Dan Ridenour presented a personal services contract with Veridus for \$44,479 over a six-month period. The contract is to lead a structured search for a new police station location or facility solution. The Mayor cited ongoing flooding issues in the basement property room, lack of space, high maintenance costs, and parking challenges at the current City Hall location. The project will be paid using EDIT funds. Lola Mauer moved to approve the personal services contract. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

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9. **L & W Billboard Contract 2026:** Mayor Dan Ridenour presented a contract for billboard use on I-69 (northbound and southbound). These will promote "IRONMAN" and the "Fire Up DWNTWN" event, with the goal of reaching 20,000 attendees. Unlike previous years, these will be kept for the full year. Lola Mauer moved to approve the billboard contract. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
  
10. **Right-of-way Use Application, Art Installation:** Carl Schafer, Gordy Framing, requested a right-of-way use permit to install a public sculpture by local artist Aaron Nicholson to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the movie *Close Encounters*. The placement location of the 10-foot sculpture will be on a city-owned grassy plot near Minnetrista and the Cardinal Greenway across the street from the former Amazing Joes's restaurant. The sculpture is temporary and will only be up for a period up to 24 months. Lola Mauer moved to approve the right-of-way use application. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
  
11. **Public Comments:** Rick Yencer, author and local newsman, expressed opposition to the search for a new police station, citing the City's \$72 million debt and a preference for using City-owned properties. President Baker noted that the purpose of hiring Veridus is specifically to look at all options, including existing properties.
  
12. **Adjournment:** There being no further business President Ted Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

We will meet next Wednesday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.

**Board of Public Works and Safety**

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**Ted Baker, President**

*Lola Mauer*  
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**Lola Mauer, Vice-President**

*Linda Gregory*  
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**Linda Gregory, Secretary**

*Lacey Jones*  
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**Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary**

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Appointing Authority Disclosure:  
 Mayoral Appointments:

- Ted Baker – Current Term: 01/02/2024 – 12/31/2027
- Lola Mauer – Current Term: 01/02/2024 – 12/31/2027
- Linda Gregory – Current Term: 01/02/2024 – 12/31/2027