



BROWNSBURG METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BROWNSBURG POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

These are the Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Brownsburg Police Commission held at the Brownsburg Town Hall on January 13, 2026 at 6:00PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Bolante, Tim Cooper, Dave Galloway, Matt Simpson and Jason Thornbury

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Joseph Grimes, Assistant Chief Andy Watts, Major Bryan Fultz, Attorney Jayson Marksberry and Secretary Kellie Cummins

Retired Pastor Yvonne Brandenburg, from Good Samaritan Episcopal Parish gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was conducted and a quorum was formed. All Commissioners were present. New Commissioners, Dave Galloway, Jason Thornbury and Matt Simpson were introduced.

Allan Bolante asked for a nomination for PC President. Tim Cooper nominated Allan Bolante. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Allan Bolante asked for a nomination for Vice President. Matt Simpson nominated Tim Cooper. Allan Bolante seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Allan Bolante asked Kellie Cummins if she wished to remain the Commission's Secretary. Kellie Cummins accepted.

Allan Bolante asked Jayson Marksberry if he wished to remain Commission's Legal Counsel. Jayson Marksberry accepted.

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Allan Bolante requested an approval of the agenda. Jason Thornbury made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Dave Galloway seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Allan Bolante requested approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2025 PC meeting. Tim Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Grimes updated the group on the current recruitment process. Oral interviews are complete and there were several no-shows and withdraws. Background phase is the next step and Detectives are working on this.

Chief stated that all three of the non-experienced officers have completed all of their Field Training and are on solo patrol. Chief said that Officers Davenport, A. Hyde and Giblin have been assigned to shifts.

OLD BUSINESS **COMMISSION**

There is nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Grimes announced that due to K9 retirements a K9 Unit process was conducted. Officer Megan Clonce and Officer Sarena Clay have been assigned to the K9 Unit. Officer Clonce and K9 Max and Officer Clay and K9 Martel have completed Narcotics Patrol. Both teams will be attending Dual Purpose training in the spring. Chief said that all four shifts have a K9 assigned to them.

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Chief Grimes said that a business in Brownsburg had two female employees stating that they were being stalked and harassed by an individual. Officers were able to identify the homeless male, which had recently been released from prison in an unrelated stalking offense. With the information gathered by the Road Officers, Detective Sgt. Tim Wells was able to find probable cause and get charges filed for Stalking and Harassment. The Warrant was issued and Road Officers were able to locate the individual and take him into custody.

Chief said that the Hendricks County Sheriff informed him that the Hendricks County Animal Control was going to be disbanded or reduced in their area of responsibility. Sheriff Sadler was able to get the County Commission to add Animal Control to his purview. Chief said that they have not been informed of how the division was going to be established. Chief Grimes said that he informed the Town Manager as there could be some responsibilities put on local municipalities.

Chief discussed a recent burglary ring. Officers responded to a local liquor store that burglarized. During the investigation CSI, Detectives and our Intelligence Analyst all worked together to share information and to discuss multiple burglaries throughout Indiana involving the same burglary ring. Chief added that there are over thirty stores that have been targeted. Agencies continue to work to identify the individuals.

Chief Grimes discussed two different deployments during the month of December. Chief said both involved our ERT unit and BNU. The first was and assist for Danville PD, the individual was threatening to kill LE. Danville was able to get a Warrant. The individual was in a hotel in Avon. ERT and BNU worked to get the person in custody. They took him into custody and no officer or bystander were injured. The second incident involved an assist with the Hendricks County ERT unit, they responded to a 911 call. The individual had felony warrants out of Florida. The individual they were attempting to take into custody shot at them and hit equipment. Plainfield and Brownsburg Responded. The subject did flee but was taken into custody. He had attempted murder charges out of Florida.

Chief Grimes said that he has been working with the Police Commissioners over the past couple of years on expanding the merit and appointed ranks within the department. Chief said that the agency is at a twenty to thirty percentile of retirement eligible personnel. Chief said in order to set the department up for success and carry on positions need to be in place. Chief referred to the updated workflow chart that adds an Assistant Chief of Police and a Major. Chief Grimes

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announced the appointments of Major Andy Watts to Assistant Chief and Captain Jennifer Barrett to Major Chief of Support Services.

NEW BUSINESS COMMISSION

Commissioner Thornbury announced Kim Shupert as the 2025 Civilian Employee of the Year. Commissioner Galloway announced Tim Wells as the 2025 Support Employee of the Year. Commissioner Cooper announced Cody Molina as the 2025 Operations Employee of the Year. Commissioner Simpson announced the Top Gun Award going to Joe Fults.

Major Andy Watts discussed changes and updates to the policies that were presented to the Commissioners for review and approval. Allan Bolante requested a motion to approve policy 02.36.01- Work Scheduling & Compensation Under FLSA. Tim Cooper made a motion to approve the policy and the updates. Jason Thornbury seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Allan Bolante requested a motion to approve 02.29.01 Organizational Chart & Staffing Analysis. Dave Galloway made a motion to approve the updated document. Tim Cooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Allan Bolante requested a motion to approve 02.02.01(a) Support Services Functions Chart as presented with updates. Matt Simpson made a motion to approve 02.02.01(a) as presented. Jason Thornbury seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Cooper read a letter from K9 Officer, Cpl. David Shedrow stating his plan to retire from being a K9 handler and requesting that K9 Drago retire and reside at his residence. Allan Bolante requested a motion to accept the request. Jason Thornbury made a motion to approve and Tim Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Cooper presented Cpl. David Shedrow & Drago and Officer Dave Marcum & Caro retirement plaques for the time they dedicated to the K9 Unit. Both officers will remain on with the Enforcement Unit.

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Allan Bolante read a letter from Chief Grimes requesting that Captain Jeff Klayer's service weapon to be declared surplus in order for it to be given to him upon his retirement. Captain Klayer will be retiring on February 13, 2026. Allan asked for a motion to approve the request. Dave Galloway made a motion to approve the request and Tim Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Grimes asked for consent from the Commissioners to look into the cost and availability to send this year's award recipients to Washington, D.C during Police Week in May. Chief advised that they have never done this and would like to check into the costs. All Commissioners gave consent.

DIVISION REPORTS & MONTHLY STATS

Reports were provided to the Commissioners.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Matt Simpson read a thank you letter from the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department.
Dave Galloway read a thank you letter from the Lucas Family.
Jason Thornbury read a thank you card from the Powell Family.

ATTORNEY

Jayson Marksberry thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve as legal counsel again. Jayson thanked the former Commissioners, Ray Kotarski and Sam Lowe, for their dedication on the board.

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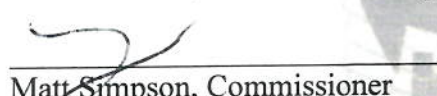
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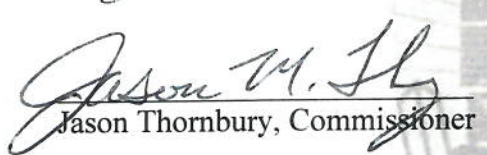
THESE MINUTES SO APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.


Allan Bolante, President



Tim Cooper, Vice President

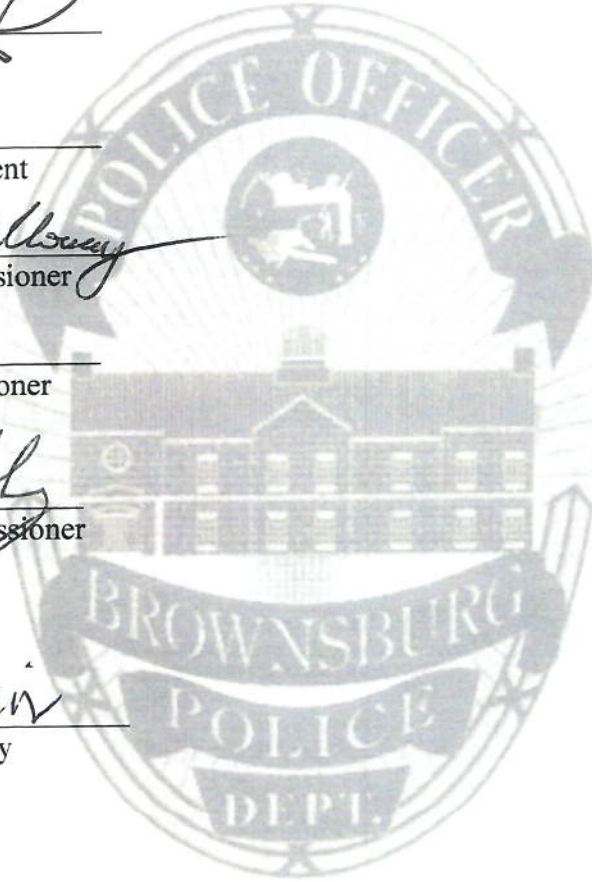

Dave Galloway, Commissioner


Matt Simpson, Commissioner


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ATTESTED:


Kellie Cummins, Secretary



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