

The board of county commissioners is the executive body of the county and shares legislative powers with the county council. It enacts ordinances and administers all county business. Some examples of its powers and authorities include controlling, maintaining and supervising county property (including the jail, courthouse and public offices); supervising construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges; developing economic development programs to attract and retain jobs; developing and administering personnel policies for county employees, including recommendations for salaries; administering elections in conjunction with the county election board; establishing minimum housing standards, and building regulations; auditing and authorizing payments on behalf of the county; receiving bids and authorizing contracts; exercising the power of eminent domain; adopting fire prevention ordinances and contracting for ambulance service; providing parks and recreation facilities; selecting and appointing members to fill positions on boards, commissions and committees, and appointing certain department heads; borrowing money for county purposes, but only after authorization by the county council; and serving, with the county treasurer, as a board of finance for purposes relating to designating banks as depositories of county funds.

Additional authorities and responsibilities are listed in "Here is Your Indiana Government 2016," published by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and are scattered throughout Indiana Code.

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(D) Jeff Fox



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**(R) John
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**(R) Ronald A.
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