

Libertarian Party of Indiana – District 2

Monthly Report – August 2025

District 2 Overview

District 2 affiliates continue to grow visibility through **earned media, public advocacy, and legal action**. Libertarians are making their presence felt in county governments, the courts, and the press — proving that even without massive resources, principled voices can shift public policy and hold officials accountable.

St. Joseph County

- **Advocacy & Media:** The county party earned **media coverage from the South Bend Tribune, WSBT, and ABC57** for its role in the **South Bend police bodycam fee issue**. During public comment, **half of the speakers were Libertarians or closely affiliated with the county party**.
 - While the effort did not completely block excessive fees, the **public pressure forced the South Bend Common Council to cut proposed fees in half** — a tangible victory for accountability and citizen access.
 - The county party is now **exploring next steps** to pressure the **St. Joseph County Council** to reduce fees tied to the Sheriff's Department bodycam program.
 - **Meetings:** No business meeting was held this month due to lack of quorum. Primary focus is recruiting new Treasurer. Looking at rescheduling monthly meetings in order to get increased presence from members.
 - **Candidate Recruitment:** The affiliate is reviewing **previous primary and general election ballots** to identify strong potential recruits for local races heading into 2026.
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Kosciusko County

- **September 4 (Thursday)** – Monthly meeting at **Mi Lindo**, 6:00 PM. Open to members and guests.
- **September 19 (Friday)** – **3rd Friday Booth**, a public outreach event with literature, conversation, and volunteer engagement.

Elkhart County

- **Legal Advocacy & Media:** Libertarian member **Melissa Kauffman-Miller** continues to pursue lawsuits exposing **financial malfeasance in Elkhart County government**. These efforts earned **media attention from ABC57**, bringing critical scrutiny to county leadership and shining a light on corruption. Melissa's legal actions demonstrate how Libertarians can use every available tool — including the courts — to defend transparency and accountability.
- **Organizational Status:** No new formal party updates this month, but Melissa's efforts have given the Libertarian movement in Elkhart significant visibility.

Marshall County

- Efforts to identify a **new potential chair** have not advanced. Work will continue to reestablish stronger leadership and build an active affiliate.

District 2 Next Steps

- **Expand earned media strategy:** Coordinate with affiliates to maximize press coverage from local advocacy and legal actions.
- **Candidate development:** Continue identifying and recruiting Libertarian-leaning candidates across the district in preparation for the 2026 cycle.
- **Leadership pipeline:** Focus on filling open county leadership positions to ensure organizational continuity.

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