



KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

PRESIDENT: T.J. BRINK
VICE PRESIDENT: TIMOTHY ELLERMAN II
MEMBER: KELLIE E. STREETER

February 17, 2026 Minutes for Meeting of the Knox County Commissioner

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Knox County Commissioners was held on February 17, 2026 at Vincennes City Hall at 203 Vigo St. The meeting was held at 6:00 pm.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Kellie Streeter, TJ Brink and Tim Ellerman. Also, Counsel Drew Porter and Auditor Lisa Clark/Benock and First Deputy Julie Lancaster.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve the agenda with the addition of e. Knox County Highway emergency limit and f. data center. Motion passes 3-0.

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (February 3, 2026 and February 13, 2026)

Motion: Moved by TJ Brink to approve February 3 meeting minutes and seconded by Tim Ellerman. Motion passes 3-0

Review of Minutes of Special Claim Meeting (February 13, 2026)

Motion: Moved by TJ Brink to approve February 13 special claim meeting and seconded by Tim Ellerman. Motion passes 2-0-1

Appointments –

New Business

- a. EMA Preliminary Damage Assessment – Director John Streeter reported on the winter storm damage.
- b. Area Plan Recommendations for Solar Ordinance (discussion only) – Counsel Drew Porter to recommendations a draft an ordinance for first and second reading. **Motion:** Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to have a Public Comment meeting at Blue Jean Center in Monroe City at 3:00 pm. Motion passes 3-0
- c. Claims – **Motion:** Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by TJ Brink to approve claims \$2,187,143.38. Motion passes 3-0
- d. Payroll – **Motion:** Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve payroll for 02/13/26. Motion passes 3-0
- e. Highway Superintendent Chad Reynolds – Ordinance No 2026-2 An Emergency Declaration Restricting Motor Vehicle to 20,000 pounds GVW on all Knox County Hard Surface Roads during Emergency Conditions. **Motion:** Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve Ordinance No 2026-2 Emergency Restrictions. Motion passes 3-0

- f. Tim Ellerman a discussion for projects data center, wind energy and battery storage.

Old Business

Announcements/Commissioner Reports

- a. Knox County Code Compliance Officer – NA
- b. READI 2.0 Grant – TJ Brink reported project Trail Blazer, AMAZON distribution center at Industrial Park. The Bierhaus flats project continues in June applications available for apartments.
- c. Knox County Emergency Management Operations Center – Tim Ellerman reported a meeting planned for February 19th. Kellie Streeter suggested including the department heads of project.
- d. Knox County Judicial Center – NA

Public Comment –

Eddie Felling – Felling, Farnsworth, & Wudtke Law Firm – representing the coalition against the solar ordinance

Cindy Gilmore – spoke in opposition of solar ordinance

Eric Lafferty – concerned for the safety issues for the pedestrians out on Old Decker Rd near the Knox County Sheriff Department and Wabash Valley Regional Community Corrections. TJ Brink that the safety issues has been talked about providing more lighting and other ways to make it safer. A possible grant for road safety.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 at 10:00 am at Vincennes City Hall.

Adjournment – TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Motion passes 3-0


Secretary Lisa Clark / Benock
Knox County Auditor

3-3-2026
Date of Approval


President TJ Brink
Knox County Commissioner

3-3-26
Date of Approval


Vice President Tim Ellerman
Knox County Commissioner

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Kellie Streeter
Knox County Commissioner

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