

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

PRESIDENT: T.J. BRINK

VICE PRESIDENT: TIMOTHY ELLERMAN II

MEMBER: KELLIE E. STREETER

January 20, 2026 Minutes for Meeting of the Knox County Commissioner

Call to Order

A Board of Finance of Knox County annual meeting was held on January 20, 2026 at Vincennes City Hall at 203 Vigo St. The meeting was held at 5:30 pm. Attendees: Kellie Streeter, TJ Brink, Tim Ellerman, Counsel Drew Porter, Auditor Lisa Clark/Benock , Julie Lancaster and Beth Worland First Deputy Treasurer. Beth Worland presented the Commissioners with Financial Report from December 31, 2025 total investments for county \$12,770,433.20. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink to elect Tim Ellerman as President of the Finance Board and seconded by Tim Ellerman. Motion passes 3-0. Adjourn at 5:35pm.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Knox County Commissioners was held on January 20, 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. Safer Street under Announcements/Commissioner Reports. Motion passes 3-0.

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (January 6, 2026)

Motion: Moved by TJ Brink to approve January 6 minutes with a correction under public comments Poor Farm Utilities RQAW suggested waiting to move the utilities and seconded by Tim Ellerman. Motion passes 3-0

Appointments – in January

Central Dispatch Director – Tresa Baize – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0.

Veterans Officer – Justin Jones – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Weights and Measures – Mike Montgomery - Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Alcoholic Beverage Board – Greg Schmidtknecht – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Drainage Board – Mat Pahmeier and Clevie Bennet – Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointments. Motion passes 3-0

Freelandville Regional Sewer District – James Durham – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Health Department Board- Dr. Ludwig Akers – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Health Advisory Regional Council of Knox/Daviess/Martin/Pike – Sara Higgs - Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Pantheon Operations Board – Dennis Mouzin – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Personnel Administrative Committee – Kellie Streeter – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Public Defender Board – Harry Nolting – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Knox County Economic Development Corp – TJ Brink- Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Property Tax Board of Appeals – Rich Pea and Pam Gardner – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Record Destruction Committee – TJ Brink – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Southern IN Development Comm (SIDC) – TJ Brink – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Visitor & Tourism Bureau – Karen Black (R) – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Unsafe Building Board – Dave Wilson – Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman and seconded by TJ Brink to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission – Ben Burke – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission – Alternate Kevin Meyer – Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 2-0-1

Wabash Valley Regional Community Corrections – Tucker Smith (private correctional) – **table-** Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to table appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Workforce Development/Investment Board to Chief Elected Officials Board Grow SW Indiana – LOA – Mayor Joe Yochum – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

New Business

- a. Amend Independent Contractor Agreements
 - i. Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Mike Mikiska Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by TJ Brink to approve the amended Independent Contractor Agreement with Mike Mikiska for 2026 Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Motion passes 3-0
- b. Harrison Townships approved 2026 Township Assistance Policy (no official action only review) – Counsel Drew Porter changes in policy for township for review by Commissioners no official action. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman official review. Motion passes 3-0
- c. Knox County YMCA –
 1. Quarterly Claim Voucher for VanGO – Director Rebecca Pinnick – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink for drawn down 4th Quarter vouchers pending contract seconded by Tim Ellerman. Motion passes 3-0
 2. Local School Tree Project – President Kordes reported planting trees in honor of 250 anniversary. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to plant a tree on courthouse property. Motion passes 3-0
- d. EMS Interlocal Agreement (Amended) – City of Bicknell requested changes in the language of agreement. The agreement has been amended. Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by TJ Brink to approve amended EMS Interlocal Agreement. Motion passes 3-0
- e. Microvote Annual Maintenance Agreement – Clerk David Shelton – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve Microvote Annual Maintenance Agreement. Motion passes 3-0
- f. AME Group Cyber Awareness Training Agreement – Counsel Drew Porter explained a training program that provides employees with continuous weekly training and monthly phishing campaigns. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve training agreement awareness. Motion passes 3-0
- g. Claims – Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by TJ Brink to approve claims \$4,800,049.59 and to table unappropriated lines being used pending review total \$1,555.86. Motion passes 3-0
- h. Payroll – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve payroll for January 16th, 2026 Motion passes 3-0

Old Business

Announcements/Commissioner Reports

- a. Knox County Code Compliance Officer – NA
- b. READI 2.0 Grant – Chris Pfaff - projects ongoing
- c. Knox County Emergency Management Operations Center – NA
- d. Knox County Judicial Center – NA
- e. Safer Street – TJ Brink reported a Federal Planning Grant for Safer Streets. It would 80-20 match.

Sheriff Doug Vantlin asked for approval to strip the old evidence room and turn into an office. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve Sheriff Vantlin's request. Motion passes 3-0

Kellie Streeter reported that RDC met this week and a lot of projects planned for 2026.

TJ Brink reported waiting for Area Plan suggestions for the Solar project.

Public Comment –

Dan Reitmeyer – Reported that Community Corrections Director Scott Brown has purchased new vans to transport work release participants to places of employment.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

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

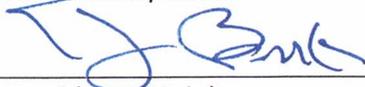
Adjournment – TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to adjourn at 6:46 pm.



Secretary Lisa Clark / Benock
Knox County Auditor



Date of Approval



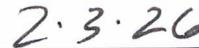
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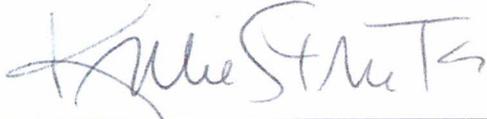
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Vice President Tim Ellerman
Knox County Commissioner



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Kellie Streeter
Knox County Commissioner



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