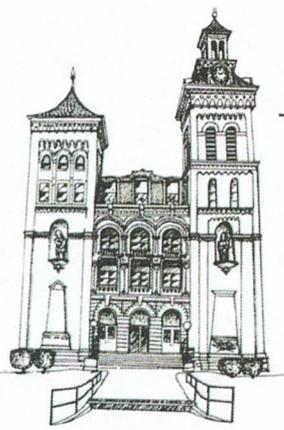


# KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591



January 13th, 2026 Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

## Call to Order

A meeting of The Knox County Council was held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Vincennes City Hall at 203 Vigo St. It began at 5:00 p.m. and was presided over by President Mike Morris.

## Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Rich Chattin, Mary Crismore, Jon Hillenbrand, Kevin Meyer, Mike Morris, Dan Reitmeyer, and Jay Yochum. Also, present Counsel Drew Porter, Auditor Lisa Clark/Benock and Auditor staff Julie Lancaster.

## Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Mary Crismore to approve the agenda. Motion passes 7-0

## Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

**Motion:** Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve the December 9th, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passes 7-0

## Election of Officers

- a. President – Motion: moved by Mary Crismore and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to re-elect Mike Morris for President. Motion passes 7-0
- b. Vice President – Motion: Moved by Kevin Meyer and seconded by Jay Yochum to re-elect Jon Hilldenbrand for Vice President. Motion passes 7-0

## Appointments

2026 Appointment list:

Alcoholic Beverage Board - Cher Wehrman

EMS Oversight Committee – Micheal Morris

Freelandville Regional Sewer District – Curt Kixmiller

Vacant

Health Department – Seth Masterson

KCIED Executive Board – Richard Chattin

Knox County Public Library Board – Amanda Feavel

Mental Health Advisory Committee – Joe Williams

Pantheon Operational Board – Jay Yochum (replaces Harry Nolting)

Property Tax Board of Appeals – Tammy Yochum

Redevelopment Commissioner – Jay Yochum and Dan Reitmeyer

Solid Waste Management – Mary Crismore

Southern Indiana Development Corp. – Dan Reitmeyer

Visitors & Tourism Bureau – David Niehaus

Bicknell-Vigo Township Library Board – Seth Alexander (replaces Greg Risley)

Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve all appointments.

Motion passes 7-0

a. Local Legal Counsel Professional Engagement Letter - Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin to retain Andrew Porter Legal Counsel for another year per engagement letter and seconded by Jay Yochum. Motion passes 7-0

#### **New Business**

a. Resolution 2026-1 2026 Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Knox County Council – shall conduct its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall 201 Vigo Street, Vincennes, IN unless otherwise announced with proper legal notice: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8, 2026. Motion: Moved by Kevin Meyer and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve Resolution 2026-1 2026 Regularly Scheduled Meetings. Motion passes 7-0

b. Third Amendment to the Knox County Economic Development Agreement with Ratts 2 – Counsel Drew Porter looked over the amendment had no issues. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin to approve third amendment to the Knox County Development Agreement with Ratts 2 Solar and seconded by Jay Yochum. Johnny Nguyen, Development Manager and Chris Matthews, Vice President Development from Arevon were present.

c. Knox County Sheriff Department Annual Bond Fee - Sheriff Doug Vantlin request to pay the Annual Bond Fee out of Sheriff Commissary account. He discussed with Counsel Drew Porter.  
Q4 Knox County Sheriff Commissary Review - Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jay Yochum that Knox County Council has reviewed the Q4 Knox County Sheriff Commissary report. Motion passes 7-0

#### **Appropriations and Transfers**

a. Knox County Sheriff Department Payroll Shortage- discussion only

b. 2026 Salary Ordinance - Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to amend the 2026 Salary Ordinance for the Sheriff lines and Soil and Water lines from the additional appropriation requests. Motion passes 7-0

Sheriff - Sheriff Doug Vantlin – Additional Appropriation request from 1000-105-11-4500 for Uniforms \$62,000.00. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Mary Crismore to approve additional of \$62,000. Motion passes 7-0

Sheriff – Sheriff Doug Vantlin – Additional Appropriation request from 1000-105-10-1900 Kevin Stein Payroll \$800 and 1000-105-10-2802 Matt McCormick Payroll \$800. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Rich Chattin to approve additional request total \$1,600.00. Motion passes 7-0

Sheriff- DOC Housing- Sheriff Doug Vantlin – Additional Appropriation request for 1130 all supplies \$10,000.00 and school and training \$10,000.00. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional request total \$20,000.00. Motion passes 7-0

Soil & Water – Additional Appropriation request for 1000-134-10-2900 Watershed Specialist- Nettles \$18,116.00 and 1000-134-10-3200 Soil Health Specialist \$1419.00. The amount will be funded by the Knox County SWCD. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve additional appropriation request for both positions. Motion passes 7-0

Highway – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge – Bridge 243- Mays Rd \$16,704.00. The amount reimbursed from INDOT. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Rich Chattin to approve additional request \$16,704.00. Motion passes 7-0

Health – Administrator Krystal Russell – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1161 \$2,896.38 for CPR/Community Health Supplies. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional appropriation request \$2,896.38. Motion passes 7-0

Court Recidism Reduction – transfer request from the Knox County Auditor’s office to correct from 2025 wrong fund 9136 should be 9139 for \$6,613.32. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Mary Crismore to approve transfer between funds. Motion passes 7-0

**Vacant Positions - Requests to Fill**

**Unfinished Business –**

Announcements/Council Reports –

Kevin Meyer – NA

Dan Reitmeyer – WRVCC purchased van to transport work release participants to places of employment

Jon Hillenbrand – no report

Mike Morris – no report

Mary Crismore – no report

Rich Chattin – reported that he will be running for Knox County Commissioner District 3

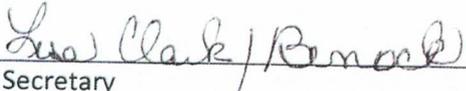
Jay Yochum – no report

**Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting**

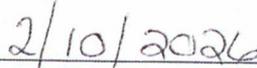
Tuesday February 10th, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall – 203 Vigo St.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Moved by Mary Crismore and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to adjourn at 5:36 pm.  
Motion passes 7-0



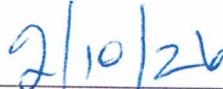
Secretary  
Lisa Clark/Benock  
Knox County Auditor



Date of Approval



President Mike Morris  
Knox County Council



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