



KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

PRESIDENT: T.J. BRINK

VICE PRESIDENT: TIMOTHY ELLERMAN II

MEMBER: KELLIE E. STREETER

January 6, 2026 Minutes for Meeting of the Knox County Commissioner

Call to Order

A regular meeting of The Knox County Commissioners was held on January 6, 2026 at Vincennes City Hall at 203 Vigo St. The meeting was held at 10:00 am. TJ Brink opened meeting with Congratulations to Kellie Streeter for receiving Indiana Commissioner of the Year Award.

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 g. agreement with INDOT on official detour under new business. Motion passes 3-0. TJ Brink added that the Solar Ordinance off the agenda because of Area Plan meeting January 6 evening.

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (December 2, 2025) (December 16 & December 29, 2025)

Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve prior meeting dates December 2, 16, and 29. Motion passes 3-0

Election of Officers

- a. President – Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman and seconded by TJ Brink to re-elect TJ Brink President. Motion passes 2-1
- b. Vice-President – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to re-elect Tim Ellerman Vice President. Motion passes 3-0

Appointments – in January

Commissioner Attorney – Andrew Porter Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Central Dispatch Director – table

Highway Department Superintendent/Engineer – Chad Reynolds Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment of Highway Department Superintendent Chad Reynolds. Motion passes 3-0

Highway Department District 1 Foreman – Damon Owens Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Highway Department District 2 Foreman – Shane McGregor Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Highway Department District 3 Foreman – Frank Woolard Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Maintenance Director – Berin Gilley Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve appointment. Motion passes 3-0

Veterans Officer – table – Marty Qualkenbush retiring January 30, 2026

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

Redevelopment Commission – Paul Singleton, Chris Sanders, Kellie Streeter Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and Kellie Streeter to approve appointments. Motion passes 3-0

New Business

- a. Schedule Date, Time, and Location of Regular Meetings for 2026
Resolution 2026-1: 2026 Regular Meetings of the Knox County Commissioners shall be Vincennes City Hall located at 201 Vigo St., Vincennes, IN : The first Tuesday of each month occurs at 10 AM: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1. The third Tuesday of each month occurs at 6 PM: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15 unless otherwise announced and with proper legal notice. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve Resolution 2026-1: 2026 Regular Meetings dates. Motion passes 3-0
- b. Professional Engagement Letters
 - i. General Local Legal Counsel – Andrew K. Porter, Feavel & Porter LLP Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by TJ Brink to approve Professional Engagement letter with Andrew K. Porter for General Local Legal Counsel for 2026. Motion passes 3-0
- c. Independent Contractor Agreements
 - i. Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Mike Mikiska Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Mike Mikiska for 2026 Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Motion passes 3-0
 - ii. Benefits Coordinator – Amanda Feavel Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Amanda Feavel for 2026 Benefits Coordinator.
- d. Adoption of 2026 Pay Schedule: January 2, January 16, January 30, February 13, February 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 5, June 18, July 2, July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28, September 11, September 25, October 9, October 23, November 6, November 20, December 4, December 18, and December 31, 2026. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve adoption of 2026 Pay Schedule. Motion passes 3-0
- e. Claims – Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by TJ Brink to approve claims \$3,043,367.62. Motion passes 2-1. Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman to not approve claim for The Pantheon \$150,000.00. Motion doesn't pass for lack of second.
- f. Payroll – Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve payroll for December 19th, 2025 and January 2, 2026. Motion passes 3-0

- g. INDOT Agreement for Official Detour Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman and seconded by Kellie Streater to approve INDOT Agreement for Official Detour. Motion passes 2-0-1 abstain.

Old Business

. Announcements/Commissioner Reports

- a. Knox County Justice Campus – discussion over the pods at jail and Community Correction
- b. Knox County Code Compliance Officer – NA
- c. READI 2.0 Grant – NA
- d. Knox County Emergency Management Operations Center – discussion over the utilities being moved at the Poor Farm.
- e. Knox County Judicial Center – NA

Public Comment –

Dan Reitmeyer – asked why the utilities have not been moved at the Poor Farm. TJ Brink response at this time no budgeted line and will have to ask Council.

Marty Qualkenbush – Veterans Service Officer retiring at end of January. Marty highly recommends the Veterans Service Officer Deputy Justin Jones for his position the Veterans Service Officer.

Ray McCormick – updated on conservation activities in the Wabash Valley

Schedule Date, Time, & Place for Board of Finance of Knox County Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm at Vincennes City Hall.

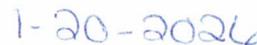
Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall.

Adjournment – TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to adjourn at 10:41 am.



Secretary Lisa Clark / Benock
Knox County Auditor



Date of Approval



President TJ Brink
Knox County Commissioner



Date of Approval

Tim Ellerman

Vice President Tim Ellerman
Knox County Commissioner

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