



KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

May 12th, 2026 Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

Call to Order

A meeting of The Knox County Council was held on May 12th, 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 and Auditor staff Julie Lancaster and Maegan Otten. Auditor Lisa Clark/Benock not present.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (April 14th, 2026)

Motion: Moved by Mary Crismore and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve the April 14th, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passes 7-0

Appointments

- a. One to the Land Use Energy Committee (Council Member) – Motion: Moved by Mike Morris to appoint Councilman Rich Chattin to the committee no second. Motion passes 7-0

New Business

- a. Resolution 2026-4: Temporary Loan and Transfer of Funds from the Rainy-Day Fund to the County General Fund -Knox County Auditor asking for a temporary loan of \$1,300,000.00 from Rainy-day for the General Fund due to low balance and awaiting the spring tax settlement. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve request of temporary loan of \$1,300,000.00. Motion passes 3-0
- b. Knox County EMA Update – Director John Streeter – presented the Council with packets for two requests. First: a new truck to replace vehicle with over 180,000 miles. New vehicle (Fleet) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4WD Crew Cab the price \$55,301.25 from dealer Uebelhor. Motion: Moved by Dan Reitmeyer and seconded by Rich Chattin to purchase the vehicle pending additional appropriation of \$55,301.25 from fund 1170 the Public Safety LIT – County Share. Motion passes 7-0
Second: requesting funding approval for the purchase of a mobile sandbagging machine system for flood response operations and improve protection for citizens and property. The proposal cost from The Sandbagger, LLC \$35,929.00. Council asked if there was any grant funding available and if any local cities were interested in helping with the cost. John Streeter said that he would ask Mayor Joe Yochum.

Motion: Moved by Kevin Meyer and seconded by Jon Hillebrand to table for now do a little more footwork and come back. Motion passes 7-0. Counsel Drew Porter reminded John Streeter to do an additional appropriation request with the Auditors office to proceed.

Appropriations and Transfers

Knox County Highway – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge – Bridge 243 – Mays Rd for \$20,312.00. INDOT reimbursed. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve additional appropriation request \$20,312.00. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Sheriff – Sheriff Doug Vantlin - Additional Appropriation request for fund 1130 DOC Housing for \$35,000.00 for Garage & Motors and \$34,090.00 for Weapons & Ammo. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Dan Reitmeyer to approve request totaling \$69,090.00. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Veterans Treatment Court – Judge Monica Gilmore and Kaylee Steel – Additional Appropriation of \$5,000 from General Ledger for expenses not covered under opioid or grant. Request \$2,500.00 for Maintenance, Repairs & Updates, \$500.00 for Contractual Services, \$2,000.00 for Equipment/Furniture. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional appropriation totaling \$5000.00. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Veterans Treatment Court – transfer request from budgeted line in fund 1237 total \$41,600.00 from Veterans Court Program Court – Steel to lines VTC – Stipend \$2000.00; Incentives Supplies \$1500.00; Drug Testing Supplies \$3,000.00; Operating Supplies \$5,000.00; Program Graduation \$2,500.00; Clothing Allowance for Staff/Volunteers/Peers \$1,000.00; Staff Training \$6,000.00; Membership \$500.00; Microsoft 365 & Adobe Licensing \$600.00; Volunteer/Peer Recognition \$4,500.00; phone \$500.00; Program Outreach/Advertising/Printing \$4,500.00 and Participant Needs/Services \$10,000.00. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Dan Reitmeyer to approve transfer request from budgeted line to lines for Veterans Treatment Court totaling \$41,600.00. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Prosecutor – transfer request no one from the office present. The transfers were tabled.

Employment & Request to Fill Positions -

Old Business –

- a. Futaba Abatement Compliance Review – Counsel Drew Porter reviewed the Futaba Abatement. Futaba is in compliance. Motion: Moved to approve Futaba Abatement Compliance review by Jon Hillendbrand and seconded by Kevin Meyer. Motion passes 7-0

Announcements/Council Reports –

Kevin Meyer – asked the others if they were attending the SBOA called meeting June 12 -13 and several have plans to attend

Dan Reitmeyer – no report

Jon Hillenbrand – no report

Mike Morris – no report

Mary Crismore – no report

Rich Chattin – reported that a new coordinator/director at Pantheon Claire Sievers. Also, Brandy Toney in audience taking his seat on Council next year.

Jay Yochum – no report

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday June 9th, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall – 203 Vigo St.

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Kevin Meyer and seconded by Jay Yochum to adjourn at 5:39 pm. Motion passes 7-0

First Deputy Julie Lancaster

Secretary
Lisa Clark/Benock
Knox County Auditor

6-9-26

Date of Approval

Mike Morris

President Mike Morris
Knox County Council

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