

KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

July 14, 2026 Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

Call to Order

A meeting of The Knox County Council was held on July 14, 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 and Maegan Otten.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (June 9, 2026)

Motion: Moved by Dan Reitmeyer and seconded by Mary Crismore to approve the June 9, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passes 7-0

Appointments

- a. Knox County Visitor & Tourism Commission (additional appointment) – Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Kevin Meyer to table appointment until August meeting. Motion passes 7-0

Public Hearing on Creation of Economic Revitalization Area for Iona Solar LLC

Counsel Drew Porter read the Council's Rules of Procedures on Public Hearing for Iona Solar. Call for Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Rich Chattin approve the procedures for the Public Hearing. Motion passes 6-0-1 abstain. (Kevin Meyer will abstain due to personal interest to project).

Mary E Solada for Iona Solar LLC presented: reported procedure items completed.

Justin Wolfe for Iona Solar LLC discussed solar project site.

Lee Luallen – Economic Development Consultant on behalf of Orion. He used Randolph County has an example for impact of benefits.

Steve Dyer – landowner Harrison Township – for the project

Mary E Solada recapped.

Ben Roeger – Financial Advisor for Knox County – presented financial benefits to the county

No more public comments for or against project

Rich Chattin – Councilman – Comments how well the solar company has worked with the county. We're in business together. A huge economical impact for the county.

Mike Morris – President Council – commented a huge opportunity for the South Knox School Corporation and the county.

No more comments:

Public Hearing Closed

New Business

- a. Resolution 2026-6: Confirmatory Resolution for the Creation of an ERA for Iona Solar LLC. – Counsel Drew Porter presented Resolution 2026-6. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Mary Crismore approve Confirmatory Resolution. Motion passes 6-0 with 1 abstain.
- b. Resolution 2026-7: Preliminary Resolution for an Addition to the ERA for Iona Solar LLC – Counsel Drew Porter presented Resolution 2026-7. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand approve Preliminary Resolution. Motion passes 6-0 with 1 abstain.
- c. Wagler Custom Homes (L3RK LLC) Abatement Discussion - table
- d. Knox County Sheriff Department – Sheriff Doug Vantlin – request to clear room at the jail going to use commissary dollars range from \$700 - \$5500 and repurpose room. Motion: Moved by Kevin Meyer and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve request by Sheriff. Motion passes 7-0
 - i. Commissioner Resolution 2026-7: Sale of 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe to Lawrence County Sheriff Department – Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve Commissioner Resolution 2026-7 sale of 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe. Motion passes 7-0
 - ii. Q2 Commissary report review – council reviewed report. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Kevin Meyer. Motion passes 7-0
- e. Resolution 2026-8: Preliminary Resolution for the Creation of an ERA for Lucky Point 1790 LLC – Counsel Drew Porter read Resolution 2026-8. He recommends for next meeting. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Mary Crismore to approve Resolution 2026-8 Preliminary Resolution. Motion passes 7-0
- f. Ordinance 2026-1: Authorizing the Termination of Agreements and Instruments Relating to the Development Tax Increment Revenue Bonds Series 2024 (AgroRenew, LLC Project) – Counsel Drew Porter read Ordinance 2026-7 terminates all agreements with AgroRenew putting back to original development. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve Ordinance-2026-1 Termination of Agreements and Instruments relating to AgroRenew. Motion passes 7-0

Appropriations and Transfers

Sheriff – Sheriff Doug Vantlin – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1130 Prisoner Reimbursement for Incarceration for \$30,310.00 for Motor Vehicles to purchase new vehicle. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional appropriation request \$30,310.00. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Highway – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge – Bridge 243 – Mays Rd \$16,982.00. INDOT reimbursed. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional appropriation request total \$16,982.00. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Highway – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1169 Local Road and Street- Equipment \$42,000. Funds from the sale of old Chip Box. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional appropriation request total \$42,000.00. Motion passes 7-0

Employment & Request to Fill Positions -

Old Business –

Announcements/Council Reports –

Kevin Meyer – no report

Dan Reitmeyer – no report

Jon Hillenbrand – no report

Mike Morris – budget time request for CEO funding

Mary Crismore – no report

Rich Chattin – huge opportunity for all of Knox County to continue with the solar projects

Jay Yochum – RDC has provided huge updates to the fairgrounds.

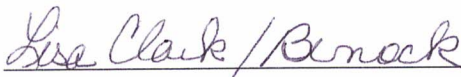
Drew Porter – Reported that Reedy Financial Group P.C. has completed audit for The Pantheon no issues.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

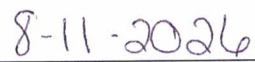
Tuesday August 11th, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall – 203 Vigo St.

Adjournment

adjourn at 6:16 pm



Secretary
Lisa Clark/Benock
Knox County Auditor


Date of Approval



President Mike Morris
Knox County Council


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