

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

PRESIDENT: T.J. BRINK

VICE PRESIDENT: TIMOTHY ELLERMAN II

MEMBER: KELLIE E. STREETER

August 18, 2026 Minutes for Meeting of the Knox County Commissioner

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Knox County Commissioners was held on August 18, 2026 at Vincennes City Hall at 203 Vigo St. The meeting was held at 6:00 pm.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included TJ Brink, Tim Ellerman, and Kellie Streeter. Also, Counsel Drew Porter, Auditor Lisa Clark/Benock and Julie Lancaster.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to adopt the amended agenda with addition j. Community Corrections under new business. Motion passes 3-0

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (August 4, 2026)

Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman and seconded by TJ Brink to approve August 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passes 3-0

Appointments – none

New Business

- a. YMCA & VanGo – Dennis Kordes and Rebecca Pinnick provided updates to the VanGo and the Trolley program. VanGo has asked for \$124,000.00 from Commissioner EDIT Fund for budget 2027.
- b. Ordinance No. 2026-9: Sievers Road (10.11 acres) Rezoning of from 1-2 and R-A to R-1). (2nd reading) Counsel Drew Porter reported that Area Plan Committee un-variable due to lot size. Jim Morley Jr. from Morley Inc. reported looking at modification. A revised plan with fewer lots. To report back at September 1st meeting. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter in favor of rezoning from industrial to residential. Motion passes 3-0
- c. Ordinance No. 2026-7: Rezoning of 7144 N. Russel Dr. Bicknell from C-3 to R-1(2nd Reading) – Area Plan Committee approved request. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve on 2nd and 3rd reading the rezoning from C-3 to R-1. Motion passes 3-0
- d. Ordinance No. 2026-8: Rezoning of 2687 S. Old Decker Road from I-2 to R-2 (2nd Reading) – Area Plan Committee approved request. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve on 2nd and 3rd reading the rezoning from I-2 to R-2. Motion passes 3-0

- e. Law Enforcement Agreement with Knox County Park and Recreation Department – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve the Sheriff Deputies after hours detail with Knox County Parks and Recreation. Motion passes 3-0
- f. Knox County Commissioners 2027 Budget – Commissioner Kellie Streeter discussion of amendments to the 2027 budget: 1000-130 Professional Services request \$5,000 instead of \$25,000 agree; Health Insurance from 3,585,370 to \$4.2 million rising costs – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to amend to \$4.2 million. Motion passes 3-0, KCARC no request - Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter from \$50,000 to zero. No second. motion doesn't carry. Courthouse Security – Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter from \$2000 to zero and seconded by TJ Brink. Motion passes 3-0 (Courthouse Security line in Public Safety Lit). EDIT Fund 1112 a new line Employee Insurance set up to help with cost of family insurance plan explained by TJ Brink. Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter to remove from EDIT fund. No second. Motion doesn't carry. Invasive Species Eradication line budgeted \$5000 discussion to raise to \$20,000. Troy Hinkle CEO of Soil and Water discussed that in 2025 \$20,000 was budgeted but not able to do the work that year. In 2026 the work has been done and have already used \$14,000. Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter and seconded by TJ Brink to increase to \$20,000. Motion passes 3-0; Parks and Rec Equipment new line \$75,000. TJ Brink talked to Superintendent Tim Goodwin about projects. Kellie Streeter would like to see specific plan on request. Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter to zero line. No Second. Motion doesn't carry. Pantheon line request \$50,000. Kellie Streeter the Pantheon mission is there. The education programs that support near and far. Motion: Moved to increase to \$150,000. No second. Motion doesn't carry. Road Projects – TJ Brink commented on the council passing the wheel tax for the line amount from \$750,000 to \$600,000. Motion: Moved by Kellie Streeter to maintain the \$750,000 for roads and bridges. No second. Motion doesn't carry. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve the amended 2027 budget for the Commissioners. Motion passes 2-1
- g. Termination Agreement & General Release – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to the Termination Agreement and General Release between the Board of Commissioners for local political unit of Knox County and Zachary S. Harper. Motion passes 3-0
- h. Claims-Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve claims submitted for \$2,488,360.03. Motion passes 3-0
- i. Payroll – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve 8-14-2026 payroll submitted. Motion passes 3-0
- j. Community Corrections – Director Scott Brown – reported on shower area damage needing repaired no slope when installed and water wasn't draining. A cost of \$5,374. The call and pickup for rides is keeping people from walking on Old Decker Road. He commented that Pike County is easy to work with.

Old Business

Announcements/Commissioner Reports

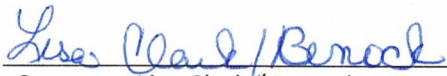
- a. Knox County Code Compliance Officer – None
- b. READI 2.0 Grant – KCIED Chris Pfaff CEO – reported READI 1 project closed out. READI 2 four projects
- c. Knox County Emergency Management Operations Center - None
- d. Knox County Judicial Center – None

Public Comment – N/A

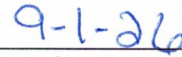
Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday September 1, 2026 at 10:00 am at Vincennes City Hall 203 Vigo St. Vincennes, IN

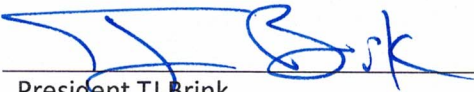
Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman at 7:08pm. Motion passes 3-0



Secretary Lisa Clark / Benock
Knox County Auditor



Date of Approval



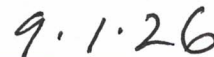
President TJ Brink
Knox County Commissioner



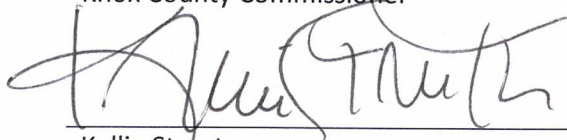
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Vice President Tim Ellerman
Knox County Commissioner



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Kellie Streeter
Knox County Commissioner



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