

KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

August 11, 2026 Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

Call to Order

A meeting of The Knox County Council was held on August 11, 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 with the addition of appointments to M.U.S.T and g. DLGF tax levy reporting (reviewed) Motion passes 7-0

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (July 14, 2026)

Motion: Moved by Dan Reitmeyer and seconded by Mary Crismore to approve the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passes 7-0

Public Hearing (adoption of public hearing rules)

Counsel Drew Porter gave instructions for the public hearing rules

- a. Addition to Economic Revitalization Area for Iona Solar LLC – Caroline Brinster for Iona Solar notified the council that the legal notice for the additional land was submitted. No Public Comment; Council Comment- Rich Chattin appreciate the business partner with Iona. The public hearing closed.
- b. Creation of an ERA for Lucky Point 1790, LLC – Caroline Brinster for Iona Solar notified the council that the legal notice was completed. Nathan Wiles gave a quick overview of the Lucky Point project. Public Comment – Heath Gardner in favor of the project; Public Comment – not in favor no one spoke; Close for public comment, no council public comment. The public hearing closed.
- c. LOHUT tax package consisting of the adoption of the Motor Vehicle Excise Surtax and the County Wheel Tax – Open to public comment in favor: No comments; public comment not in favor: No Comments- Council comments – Ben Roeger the county financial advisor provided budget implications with the tax being int the middle. This will automatically qualify the county for CCMG though we would be able to compete with those entities who do not have a wheel tax for funds. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin for minimum of \$10 for residential and minimum of \$5 over 11,000 lbs. for business and farms. Jon Hillenbrand commented with the solar projects bringing money into the county for roads and other

projects. Rich Chattin amended his motion to a minimum of \$7.50 for residential and minimum of \$5 for over 11,000 lbs. the motion seconded by Jon Hillenbrand. Motion passes 7-0. The public hearing closed.

Appointments

- a. Knox County Visitor & Tourism Commission (additional appointment) – table
- b. Knox County Housing Authority (Kathy Martin reappointment) – Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Kevin Meyer to reappoint Kathy Martin to the Knox County Housing Authoring board. Motion passes 7-0
- c. HB1210 Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (M.U.S.T.) – Jay Yochum agree to represent the county council. Motion passes 7-0

New Business

- a. Resolution 2026-9: Confirmatory Resolution for an Addition to the ERA for Iona Solar LLC. – Counsel Drew Porter presented Resolution 2026-9. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand approve Confirmatory Resolution. Motion passes 6-0 with 1 abstain. Counsel Drew Porter let the record reflect that Kevin Meyer abstain from all discussions, negotiations and communication for the project.
- b. Economic Development Agreement with Iona Solar LLC. – Counsel Drew Porter read the Economic Development Agreement. He recommends the agreement. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded Jon Hillenbrand to approve of the Economic Development Agreement with Iona Solar LLC. Motion passes 6-0-1 abstain.
- c. Resolution 2026-10: Confirmatory Resolution for the Creation of an ERA for Lucky Point 1790, LLC – Counsel Drew Porter presented Resolution 2026-10. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Dan Reitmeyer to approve Confirmatory Resolution for Lucky Point. Motion passes 7-0
- d. Ordinance 2026-2: Adoption of the Motor Vehicle Excise Surtax and the County Wheel Tax – Counsel Drew Porter read the Ordinance for the Adoption of the Motor Vehicle Excise Surtax and the County Wheel Tax- Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Mary Crismore to adopt Ordinance 2026-2 of the Motor Vehicle Excise Surtax and the County Wheel Tax \$7.50 residential and \$5.00 for businesses. Motion passes 7-0
- e. Knox County Sheriff Pension Plan Update with German American – Mary Dishman with German American Wealth Advisory presented the Knox County Police Retirement Plan and Benefit Plan to the County Council.
- f. Sheriff Department Purchase of Tractor – Sheriff Doug Vantlin – asking for approval from council to purchase a tractor from commissary. He had three estimates the lowest bid \$31,400 from Pigg Implement. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve the request to purchase tractor from commissary and the trade of the gator. Motion passes 7-0
- g. DLGF – review of tax levy for the DLGF – Counsel Financial Advisor Ben Roeger provided the tax levy information for council to review. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Rich Chattin to approve the review of the tax levy. Motion passes 7-0. A copy will be attached with the minutes for review.

Appropriations and Transfers

- a. Reduction in Number of First Deputy Positions in Assessor's Office under IC 36-2-5-3 – Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve of reduction of First Deputy Position in the Assessors Office. Motion passes 7-0
- b. Transfer of funds from 109-10-2000 to Commissioner New Line for ADA and Title VI Compliance Coordinator – Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Jay Yochum the transfer of funds. Motion passes 7-0

Sheriff – Sheriff Doug Vantlin – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1130 Prisoner Reimbursement for Incarceration (DOC Housing) : \$10,000 for All Supplies, \$50,000.00 Fees, \$15,000.00 School & Training total \$75,000. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional request totaling \$75,000. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Highway – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge – Bridge 243 – Mays Rd \$20,052.00 and Bridge Inspection \$43,321.59 both were reimbursed from INDOT. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve additional appropriation request total \$63,373.59. Motion passes 7-0

Commissioners – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1000-130 General Fund Commissioner for ADA Compliance Officer \$22,454.00 and Code Compliance Officer \$15,750.00. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve additional appropriation request total \$38,204.00. Motion passes 7-0

Commissioners – Transfer request from 1000-109 (Assessor) First Field Deputy – Harper line for \$4,651.50 and from 1224-017-10-2000 (Reassessment) First Field Deputy – Harper \$17,802.00 to line 1000-130-10-2000 ADA Compliance Officer – Harper total: \$22,453.50. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve transfer totaling \$22,453.50. Motion passes 7-0 ***Please note: the transfer request for \$17,802.00 from 1224-017-10-2000 was not completed per SBOA IC 6.1.1-4.28-5 unable to transfer from fund 1224 (Reassessment).***

Commissioners – transfer request from 1112-000-33-1600 Code Compliance Officer Contract for \$15,750.00 to 1000-130-10-2100 Code Compliance Officer line. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve transfer totaling \$15,750.00. Motion passes 7-0

Central Dispatch – Director Tresa Baize – transfer request \$8,000.00 from 1222-000-11-7300 Health Insurance to 1222-000-33-8200 Education/Training to cover increase to recertification and certifications. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve transfer request \$8,000.00 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 2027 meetings scheduled for week of September 14 starting at 10am

Mary Crismore – no report

Rich Chattin – no report

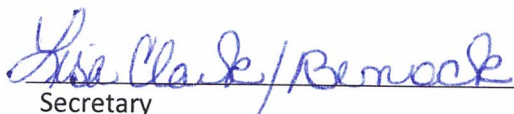
Jay Yochum – no report

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday September 8th, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall – 203 Vigo St.

Adjournment

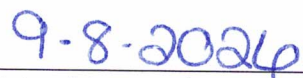
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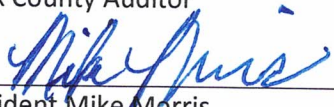


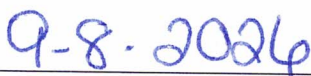
Secretary

Lisa Clark/Benock

Knox County Auditor


Date of Approval


President Mike Morris
Knox County Council


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