

KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

September 8, 2026 Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

Call to Order

A meeting of The Knox County Council was held on September 8, 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 Dan Reitmeyer and seconded by Kevin Meyer to approve the agenda with the addition of c. Sheriff Vantlin under new business. Motion passes 7-0

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (August 11, 2026)

Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Mary Crismore to approve the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passes 7-0

Appointments

- a. Knox County Visitor & Tourism Commission (additional appointment) – table

New Business

- a. Knox County Health Department Budget Revisions – Administrator Krystal Russell – reported the need to re-confirm the fund 1159 Health budget amount for 2026. The DLGF certified budget as \$448,245 and county budget is \$488,244.25 with a difference of \$42,893.25. Motion: Moved by Kevin Meyer and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to re-confirm the 2026 Budget estimates. Motion passes 7-0. She also updated the council on clearing up three funds with negative balances and working with Julie in the Auditors office and State Board of Accounts.
- b. Economic Development Agreement with Arevon/Lucky Point 1790 – Counsel Drew Porter read the Economic Development Agreement. He recommends the agreement. The next steps the Commissioners and Area Plan Commission Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded Jay Yochum to approve of the Economic Development Agreement with Arevon/Lucky Point. Motion passes 7-0
- c. Sheriff Department – Sheriff Doug Vantlin – asking for approval from council to purchase a transport van from commissary account for \$45,145 purchase from Lou Fusz. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve the purchase of transport van from the commissary account. Motion passes 7-0

Appropriations and Transfers

Sheriff – Sheriff Doug Vantlin – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1130 Prisoner Reimbursement for Incarceration (DOC Housing): \$25,000 for Equipment. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jay Yochum approve additional request of \$25,000 for equipment. Motion passes 7-0

Knox County Highway – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge – Bridge 243 – Mays Rd \$9,726.58 and Bridge Inspection \$52,851.56 both were reimbursed from INDOT. Motion: Moved by Jon Hillenbrand and seconded by Dan Reitmeyer to approve additional appropriation request total \$62,578.41. Motion passes 7-0

Public Defender – Additional Appropriation request for fund 1000-141 General Fund Public Defender for \$2,500.00-line Reimbursable Atty Contracts and \$2,500.00-line Atty Professional Development. Also, a transfer request of \$1,000.00-line Transcripts/Deps to line Supplies & Misc. Motion: Moved by Rich Chattin and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve the additional appropriation request for \$5,000.00 and the transfer request for \$1,000.00. Motion passes 7-0

Courthouse Maintenance – 1000-131 transfer request \$3,600.00 for comp payout for employee (Dobson). From line Asst Custodian Director-Scott to line Maint. Asst. Jail/Comm Corr- Dobson. Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Jon Hillenbrand to approve transfer request for \$3,600.00. 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 – no report

Mary Crismore – no report

Rich Chattin – no report

Jay Yochum – September 23rd – MUST Task Force meeting at 6:00 at Waterworks to set tax rates

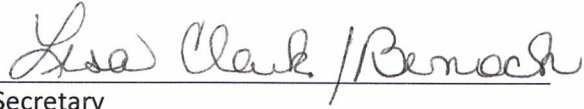
Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Budget Hearing September 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th at Knox County Visitors Bureau – 702 Main St.

Tuesday October 13th, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall – 203 Vigo St.

Adjournment

adjourn at 5:22 pm



Secretary

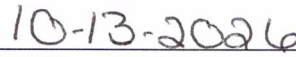
Lisa Clark/Benock

Knox County Auditor



President Mike Morris

Knox County Council



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