KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

111 North 7th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

PRESIDENT: T.J. BRINK
VICE PRESIDENT: TIMOTHY ELLERMAN II
MEMBER: KELLIE E. STREETER

October 6, 2026 Minutes for Meeting of the Knox County Commissioner

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Knox County Commissioners was held on October 6, 2026 at Vincennes City Hall at 203 Vigo St. The meeting was held at 10:00 am.

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 of i. Knox County Highway under new business. Motion passes 3-0

Review of Minutes of Prior Meetings (September 15, 2026)

Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman and seconded by TJ Brink to approve September 15, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passes 3-0

Appointments – none

New Business

a. 2027 Holiday Schedule – TJ Brink presented the 2027 Holiday Schedule: January 1, 2027 Friday New Year's Day; January 18, 2027 Monday Martin Luther King Jr Day; February 15, 2027 Monday President's Day; March 26, 2027 Friday Good Friday; May 4, 2027 Tuesday Primary Election Day; May 31, 2027 Monday Memorial Day; June 18, 2027 Friday Juneteenth Nat'l Ind Day; July 5, 2027 Monday Independence Day; September 6, 2027 Monday Labor Day; October 11, 2027 Monday Columbus Day; November 2, 2027 Tuesday Election Day; November 11, 2027 Thursday Veteran's Day; November 25, 2027 Thursday Thanksgiving Day; November 26, 2027 Friday Thanksgiving; December 24, 2027 Friday Christmas Eve; December 27, 2027 Monday Christmas Day; and December 31, 2027 Friday New Year's Day. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink to approve the 2027 Holiday Schedule and seconded by Tim Ellerman. Motion passes 3-0

b. Ordinance No. 2026-10 Zoning Amendment for Smaller Dwellings as Conditional Use (1st reading) – Counsel Drew Porter read the zoning amendment and next step refer to Area Plan and back to the Commissioners in November. Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman and seconded by TJ Brink to refer zoning amendment for small dwellings to Area Plan. Motion passes 2-1

c. Ordinance No. 2026-11: 2nd Amendment to the Knox County Solar Ordinance (1st reading) – Attorney Charles Traylor for the Land Use Committee presented Ordinance No. 2026-11 Amendment to the Knox County Solar

Ordinance for adopting standards on Solar Energy Systems. Motion: Moved by Tim Ellerman to change buffer zone if 500 ft to 750 ft if two or more adjacent properties to existing structures. Motion died for lack of second. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Kellie Streeter to approve first reading and refer to Knox County Area Plan. Motion passes 2-1

d. Ordinance No. 2026-12: Land Use Regulations on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) (1st reading) – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve first reading and refer to Knox County Area Plan. Motion passes 2-1

e. Drainage Projects – Surveyor Dick Vermillion discussed the following
i. Chasteen Road - Oaktown – open dialogue to encourage the utilities be moved from existing drainage pipe.
ii. Hazelwood Drive – dates to 1978 when sub division was created an off shoot of Hazelwood Drive if county road. Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman that off shoot of Hazelwood Drive is a county road. Motion passes 3-0

f. Harrison Township – Knox County Clerk David Shelton – election issues – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to table till after the election. Motion passes 3-0

g. Claims-Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve claims submitted $969,419.47. Motion passes 3-0

h. Payroll – Motion: Moved by TJ Brink and seconded by Tim Ellerman to approve September 25th, 2026 payroll submitted. Motion passes 3-0

i. Knox County Highway – Superintendent Chad Reynolds – provided update for ongoing road projects.

Old Business

Announcements/Commissioner Reports

a. Knox County Code Compliance Officer – None

b. READI 2.0 Grant – Chris Pfaff – READI 1.0 close out project. Updated that Amazon Distribution is operational.

c. Knox County Emergency Management Operations Center – interested in the National Guard Armory location on Willow St.

d. Knox County Judicial Center – Kellie Streeter had a breakdown of design and information for the Judicial Center it is ready to go to bid. She gave the information to Tim Ellerman.

Public Comment –

David Shelton – questions about the LIT Public Safety – County Share funds that are available and could be used for Knox County Emergency Management Operations Center and / or Knox County Judicial Center.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday October 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Vincennes City Hall 203 Vigo St. Vincennes, IN

Adjournment –

Adjourn at 10:59 am.

Lisa Clark / Benock — 10-20-26

Secretary Lisa Clark / Benock
Knox County Auditor

Date of Approval

TJ Brink — 10-20-26

President TJ Brink
Knox County Commissioner

Date of Approval

Tim Ellerman — 10-20-26

Vice President Tim Ellerman
Knox County Commissioner

Date of Approval

Kellie Streeter — 10/20/26

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