

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Eric Koester were present. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Father Allyn Rutherford led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the January 6, 2026, meeting minutes; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the January 6, 2026, executive session meeting minutes; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the January 14, 2026, executive session meeting minutes, E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLAIMS

E. Koester made a motion to approve the claims as presented; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

E. Koester made a motion to approve the December Clerk's Report; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

G. Newman made a motion to approve the December Treasurer's Report; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

AMBULANCE BIDS AWARDED

Paul Micheletti, Posey County EMS Director, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Ambulance bids that were opened at the last meeting. Mr. Micheletti stated that he recommends that the Commissioners approve the low bid of \$253,700.00 from AEV.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the low bid of \$253,700.00 from AEV; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT BIDS OPENED

B. Collins opened the following Community Crossing Grant bids:

JH Rudolph: \$1,266,761.65

Jerry David Enterprise: \$1,236,960.75

E&B Paving: \$1,253,310.35

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk advised the Commissioners that the low bid of Jerry David Enterprises was what he is recommending for approval.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the low bid from Jerry David; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

2026 BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to hold the 2026 Board of Finance Meeting.

Mrs. Peerman stated that the first order of business is to elect a president and secretary for the Board of Finance.

M. Greenwell made a motion to appoint Bill Collins as the 2026 Board of Finance President; V. Peerman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

M. Greenwell made a motion to appoint Vicki Peerman as the 2026 Board of Finance Secretary; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Peerman stated that, per the IC Code, the Treasurer is responsible for ensuring all tax dollars are secure, including meeting with the Board of Finance yearly and ensuring that all funds are held in banks that are in good standing with PDIF.

Mrs. Peerman gave the following end-of-the-year report for 2025:

Fifth Third Operating: \$7,573,431.69
Fifth Third Money Market: \$13,747,169.40
Fifth Third Payroll: \$1,268,910.30
Old National Money Market: \$3,775,562.18
United Fidelity Operating: \$597,711.97
Trust Indiana: \$28,327,950.37
Crane Credit Union: \$5.00
First Bank Money Market: \$11,596,054.74
Total: \$66,886,795.65

Mrs. Peerman gave the following end-of-the-year interest report for 2025:

First Bank Money Market: \$453,227.56
Trust Indiana: \$1,150,732.92
United Fidelity Bank Operating: \$11,945.69
United Fidelity Bank Payroll: \$607.58
Fifth Third Operating: \$146,334.56
Fifth Third Payroll: \$24,556.96
Old National Bank Money Market: \$110,195.52
Fifth Third Money Market: \$566,387.86
Total Interest: \$2,463,988.65

Mrs. Peerman gave the following end-of-the-year CD interest report for 2025:

Highway EDIT CD:
First Federal: \$9,370.39
Crane Credit Union: \$1,275.34
Crane Credit Union: \$16,553.03

County General CD:
First Federal: \$142,511.55
United Fidelity: \$65,787.77
Total CD Interest: \$235,498.08

Mrs. Peerman provided the Board of Finance with the current list of approved banks for the Indiana Approved Depositories. Mrs. Peerman stated that all banks where County funds are being housed are on the current approved list.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the 2025 Board of Finance report; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

2026 Investment Policy:

Mrs. Peerman provided the Board of Finance with the 2026 Investment Policy. Mrs. Peerman stated that no changes were made from the previous year.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the 2026 Investment Policy; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Peerman provided the Board of Finance with the two-year outstanding checklist. Mrs. Peerman stated that these checks are statutorily required to be voided after the two-year mark. Mrs. Peerman stated that her office tries to reach out to determine whether these were lost checks before voiding. Mrs. Peerman stated that the total for these checks is \$496.20, and those funds will be returned to the fund from which they were originally written.

E. Koester made a motion to void the checks listed; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

COURTHOUSE PROJECT PROPOSAL

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have discussed the need for several projects at the courthouse. B. Collins made a motion to hire Haffer as a project consultant and allow them to gather a list of projects to present to the Commissioners; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMS RATE INCREASE

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti presented a proposal to the Commissioners for EMS rate increases. Mr. Micheletti stated that this follows the Medicare rate increase for the year, with an average increase of 2.38%.

B. Collins asked who determines which areas are urban and rural. Mr. Micheletti stated that the State determines this, and for example, Cynthiana and Griffin are both considered urban, while Mt. Vernon and Poseyville are deemed rural.

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners will look into this with their representatives.

G. Newman made a motion to approve this rate increase request; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SOUTHWESTERN MENTAL HEALTH YEARLY REPORT

Kate Adams with Southwestern Mental Health addressed the Commissioners regarding their yearly report.

Mrs. Adams gave the following report:

488 individuals served in Posey County

92 crisis calls responded to

334 adults served for diagnosis, including PTSD, generalized anxiety disorder, and alcohol use disorder

154 children served for diagnosis, including generalized anxiety disorder, PTSD, and marijuana use.

8,002 services provided

189 bed days in Stepping Stone were provided to Posey County residents

238 intakes completed

Largest referral sources: 1. Physician or health care provider 2. Department of Child Services

2025 first 6 months wait for assessment, 6 days

2025, last 6 months wait for assessment, 0 days

2025 first 6 months days between assessment and treatment: 9 days

2025 last 6 months days between assessment and treatment: 4 days

Mrs. Adams stated that in 2025, there were in two Mt. Vernon schools, West Elementary and Mt. Vernon Junior High. Mrs. Adams stated that there was a good response to this service, and they plan to expand to other schools.

Mrs. Adams stated that she also provided the Commissioners with their stakeholder survey, which was provided to 100 stakeholders; however, only 13 responses were given.

B. Collins stated that he would like to commend Southwestern Mental Health on their improvement in services.

CENTERPOINT FACILITIES REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Posey County Attorney Joe Harrison informed the Commissioners that this agreement is to allow for the relocation of a line in connection with the Western Bypass. Mr. Collins stated the cost for this will be \$88,456.57 and will be paid from the bond.

G. Newman made a motion to approve this agreement; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EREP AGREEMENT

G. Newman made a motion to table the EREP Agreement; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA DECLARATION

Patrick Hicky, with EREP, addressed the Commissioners regarding a resolution to declare Posey County a federal economic development area. Mr. Hickey stated that this is a federal declaration that will allow the County access to federal economic development programs.

Mr. Hickey stated that the district includes Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, and Gibson Counties.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the EDA support resolution; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Highway Superintendent Steve Schenk stated that the Highway Department will be advertising for yearly bids to be opened at the second meeting in March.

Mr. Schenk stated that the Highway Department is ready for whatever weather might come.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following housing report:

9 DOC

18 Vanderburgh County Inmates

85 Posey County Inmates

112 total

Carrie Thompson with Posey County EMA updated the Commissioners on several ongoing issues with the new siren in Wadesville. Mrs. Thompson stated she is expecting a tech to come to address the issues this week.

Mrs. Thompson stated that Project Life Saver is still ongoing, and she is expecting to sign up two more individuals this week.

Kyle Jones with the Posey County Health Department provided the Commissioners with a list of surplus items that he would like to dispose of.

Mr. Jones stated that all of the items are unusable and he would like to dispose of them.

G. Newman made a motion to approve this request; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti stated that he spoke with Mr. Collins about the need to replace a mini-split in the EMA supply room used by the EMS department. Mr. Micheletti stated that those repairs were deemed emergency work due to the storage of medication, and they have been replaced.

Mr. Micheletti stated that he is still working on the Marrs Township rental agreement. Mr. Micheletti stated that he met with Evansville Fire/EMS regarding their upcoming transition.

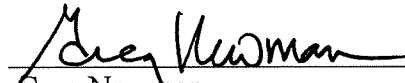
Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell stated that the State Board of Accounts is here to complete the county's audit.

Commissioner Newman stated that the Area Plan will hold a meeting on January 29, 2026, at the Hovey House regarding the proposed updated planning ordinances. Mr. Newman stated that the draft ordinance can be found on the Area Plan website.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



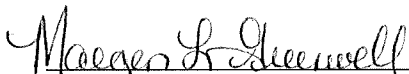
Bill Collins



Greg Newman



Eric Koester



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell