

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Eric Koester were present. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Father Jim Allen led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the December 16th, 2025, meeting minutes; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the December 16th, 2025, executive session meeting minutes; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the December 18th, 2025, 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.

AMBULANCE BIDS OPENED

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received the following bids for a new ambulance:

MacQueen: \$297,997.00

American Response Vehicle: \$253,700.00

Fire Service Inc.: \$260,301.00

Emergency Vehicle Plus: \$314,897.00

G. Newman made a motion to take these bids under advisement until the next Commissioners meeting; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HIGHWAY 69 NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger updated the Commissioners on the ongoing nuisance violation on Highway 69 South. Mr. Battieger stated that work on this property has stopped progressing and is deteriorating. B. Collins stated that this complaint was filed in March 2025 and that no fines have been issued to date.

G. Newman made a motion to impose a \$250.00 fine and allow Ed to send a letter to the owner; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

COPPERLINE ROAD NUSIANCE

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger updated the Commissioners on the ongoing nuisance violation on Copperline Road. Mr. Battieger stated that this complaint has been resolved and that he is satisfied with its closure.

B. Collins made a motion to close this complaint; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DAVIS ROAD COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger presented the Commissioners with a new complaint at 3921 Davis Road. Mr. Battieger stated that this complaint is for trash and junk in the yard.

B. Collins opened the public portion of this meeting. The owner of 3921 Davis Road, Gary Lindsey, spoke with the Commissioners regarding this property. Mr. Lindsey stated that he would be working on this property.

Mr. Collins asked that Mr. Lindsey work with Mr. Battieger.

G. Newman made a motion to table this complaint until the February 3, 2026, meeting to allow time for the owner to address the complaint; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

2026 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- ADA: B. Collins made a motion to appoint the following to the ADA Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2026: Jeff Toelle, Jeff Greenwell, Rick Sellers, Ed Battieger, Judy Heber, and Heather Allyn; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Board of Review: B. Collins made a motion to appoint Monica Kittinger and Jeanne Wehr to the Board of Review for one-year terms to expire 12/31/2026; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Compton Ditch: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Ronald Eimer and Tim Compton to the Compton Ditch Board; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Drainage Board: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Dale Koester to the Drainage Board for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2028; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- EMA Advisory: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Eric Koester to the EMA Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2026; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- E911 Advisory: E. Koester made a motion to appoint the following to the E911 Advisory board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2026: Jeremy Fortune, Robbie Wilson, Paul Micheletti, Tim Compton, Chuck Carter, Carrie Thompson, Stefani Miller, and Robbie Wilson; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Health Board: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Alicia Brown to the Posey County Health Board; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Posey County Redevelopment: E. Koester made a motion to appoint Barry Cox, Greg Newman, and Bill Newman to the Posey County Redevelopment board for one-year terms to expire 12/31/2026; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

- Jail Building Board: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Connor Voegel and Hans Schmitz to the Posey County Jail Building Board; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Poseyville Library Board: E. Koester made a motion to appoint Tracey Newcomber to the Poseyville Library Board for a four-year term to expire 12/31/2025; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Visit Posey County: B. Collins made a motion to appoint Kay Kilgore to the Visit Posey County Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2026; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS

- Animal Control: B. Collins made a motion to appoint Charles Mobley as the Posey County Animal Control officer for the year 2026; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Veterans Service Officer: G. Newman made a motion to appoint John Dike as the Posey County Veterans Service Officer for the year 2026; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Highway Superintendent: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Steve Schenk as the Posey County Highway Superintendent for the year 2026; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- EMA: E. Koester made a motion to appoint Carrie Thompson as the Posey County EMA Director for the year 2026; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- EMS: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Paul Micheletti as the Posey County EMS Director for the year 2026; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- E911: G. Newman made a motion to appoint Jamie Bradford as the Posey County Dispatch Director for the year 2026; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.
- Building Commissioner: E. Koester made a motion to appoint Ed Battieger as the Posey County Building Commissioner for the year 2026; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SERENITY ESTATES BARRETT LAW RESOLUTIONS

County Attorney Joe Harrison informed the Commissioners that a public hearing would need to be opened in regard to the assessment roll and the amount that each parcel would be assessed for this project. Mr. Harrison stated that each parcel was assessed at \$6,181.82. Mr. Harrison stated that this could be paid in one lump sum or would be added to property taxes. Mr. Harrison stated that a letter would be sent to each landowner, including all necessary information and an installment agreement to be signed.

Mr. Harrison stated that Old National Bank is the bank that is financing this project.

B. Collins opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Seeing no one to speak, B. Collins closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. G. Newman made a motion to approve the preliminary assessment roll resolution as presented, B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Harrison explained that the next resolution was to approve the issuance of bonds for the Barritt Law Project. B. Collins stated that the actual bond amount is unknown until more information is gathered.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the resolution to issue bonds for the Barritt Law Project; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Harrison explained that the final resolution is to allow payment of project expenses to David Enterprises, not to exceed \$150,000.00, with the actual cost being \$116,000.00.

County Auditor Maegen Greenwell asked where this would be paid from. Mr. Harrison stated that he would speak with her later about where the payment should be made.

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

BMWC CONTRACT

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham stated that this contract is a follow-up to last month's approval authorizing BMWC to perform maintenance at the jail.

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

SHERIFF VEHICLE QUOTE APPROVAL

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham is requesting permission to seek quotes for a new police pursuit vehicle.

B. Collins asked if this was in the Sheriff's budget. Sheriff Latham stated yes.

G. Newman made a motion to allow for quotes for a new police pursuit vehicle; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following housing report:

6 DOC

23 Vanderburgh County Inmates

85 Posey County Inmates

114 total

\$27,800.00 income in December

Sheriff Latham stated the following reports for his offices:

Jail: 602 maintenance events, including 26 shower events, 450 toilet events, 10 electric events, 88 sink events, 9 phone issues, 3 kiosk issues, 3 TV issues, and 13 roof leaks.

Court Security: 175 total out-of-county trips, averaging 14.5 transports per month, average miles per trip 172.36, totaling 2513.66 miles per month out-of-county. Total miles in transport: 41,337.

Carrie Thompson with Posey County EMA updated the Commissioners on several ongoing issues with the new siren in Wadesville. Mrs. Thompson stated that this device is under warranty and that both issues have been resolved or are being resolved.

Mrs. Thompson stated that Project Life Saver is up and running and has already addressed two incidents.

Posey County Dispatch Director Jamie Bradford addressed the Commissioners regarding a training program she would like to purchase and implement.

Mrs. Bradford stated that she will be advertising for a part-time dispatch position soon.

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti gave the following report for December:

202 Requests

142 Transfers

\$120,803.17 December Income

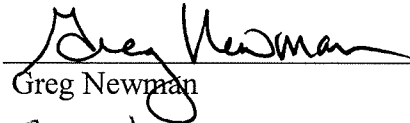
Mr. Micheletti stated that he is fully staffed. Mr. Micheletti stated that the remount ambulance should be in his position at the end of this week.

Mr. Micheletti stated that he is still working with Marris Township on a contract.

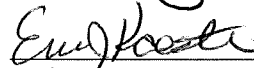
No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.



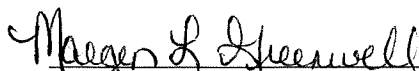
Bill Collins



Greg Newman



Eric Koester



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell

