

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Commissioners Bill Collins, Greg Newman, and Eric Koester were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Deacon Mark McDonald led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

E. Koester made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2026; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2026, Executive Session; 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.

DAVIS ROAD NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioners, Ed Battieger, updated the Commissioners on the ongoing nuisance complaint on Davis Road. Mr. Battieger stated that there has been very little progress on this property. Mr. Battieger suggested the Commissioners impose a \$250.00 fine on this property.

G. Newman made a motion to impose a \$250.00 fine for this property; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

WESTERN BYPASS BIDS OPENED

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received the following bids for the Western Bypass project:

Roedell: \$12,460,089.51

Blankenburger: \$12,670,000.00

Weddle Brothers: \$12,230,812.89

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.

POSEY COUNTY HIGHWAY BIDS

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners received the following bids for the Posey County Highway Department:

David Enterprises

JH Rudolph

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E&B Paving

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

**RECORDERS ORDINANCE PROPOSAL REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR
ASSIGNMENTS FOR OIL, GAS, OR MINERAL INTEREST**

Posey County Recorder, Chris Hoehn, addressed the Commissioners regarding an ordinance proposal. Mrs. Hoehn stated that the ordinance currently provides that the County Recorder “may” record assignments of oil, gas, or mineral interests, and she would like to change that to “shall.”

B. Collins stated that this change would require the original reference on the front page. Mrs. Hoehn stated correct, and that it would require a legal description with section, township, and range.

E. Koester made a motion to waive the second reading and approve this ordinance; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF POSEY COUNTY AREA PLAN
COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ZONING ORDINANCES**

B. Collins opened the public hearing portion of the meeting, and the following individuals spoke:

Barry Cox, 45 Park Ridge Drive, Mt. Vernon
Carl Seib, 6801 High School Road, Poseyville
Tom Guggenheim, 1129 East Church Street, New Harmony
Lisa Dan, 1359 Short Drive, Knox, Indiana
Ryan Economy, 225 West Hubbert Street, Chicago, Illinois
Bill Meyer, 709 South Arthur Street, New Harmony, Indiana
Ron Skyboggs, 1621 Dorchester Drive, Bloomington, Indiana
Bill Petkey, 2175 North Cullen Ave, Evansville, Indiana
Deborah Luzler, 1583 Hazlewood Ct, Greenwood, Indiana
David, Mercer, 315 Pearl Street, Mt. Vernon, Indiana
Bill Bender, 6511 Hunter Road, Poseyville, Indiana

G. Newman made a motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Newman thanked the audience for the feedback. The Commissioners discussed the current and proposed UDO and related concerns.

E. Koester asked if this could be tabled for further discussion. Joe Harrison, County Attorney, stated that the Commissioners have 90 days from January 29, 2026, to approve or recommend amendments. Mr. Harrison stated that the Commissioners could table this today and discuss at the April 7th, 2026, Commissioner meeting.

B. Collins made a motion to table this discussion until the April 7, 2026, Commissioner’s meeting to have several questions answered by the Area Plan; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

SHERIFF JAIL PROPOSAL

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham provided the Commissioners with the following three proposals for dust removal in the air vent and ducts:

Stanley Steamer: \$21,025.00

Serve Pro: \$26,595.95

Hassgo: \$43,200.00

B. Collins asked if these quotes were all comparable for the same work. Sheriff Latham stated yes. Sheriff Latham stated that he is recommending the low proposal from Stanley Steamer.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the low proposal from Stanley Steamer; E. Koester seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell asked where this would be paid from. Sheriff Latham stated he could fund this from the Jail Maintenance fund.

4224 STATE ROAD 69 COMPLAINT

G. Newman made a motion to table the nuisance complaint on 4224 State Road 69; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following inmate housing update:

DOC: 11

Vanderburgh County: 9

Posey County: 83

Total 103

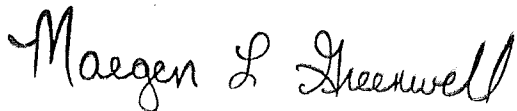


Bill Collins

Greg Newman



Eric Koester



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell