

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

The Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Hovey House, 330 Walnut Street, in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Commissioners Bill Collins, Eric Koester, and Greg Newman were in attendance. Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were also in attendance.

Pastor Allen led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

E. Koester made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2026; B. Collins seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0 with G. Newman abstaining.

G. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2026, Executive Session; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

E. Koester made a motion to approve the minutes from April 3, 2026, Executive Session; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 2-0 with B. Collins abstaining.

CLAIMS

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

911 DISPATCH GENERATOR

B. Collins stated the bid from Deig Brothers for \$114,500.00 was the low bid and was reviewed by Hafer for accuracy. B. Collins made a motion to approve the bid; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HIGHWAY 69 S NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger updated the Commissioners on the ongoing nuisance violation at Highway 69 S. Mr. Battieger stated that the nuisance on Hwy 69 S. has much improved and that Lucian Bratcher, the owner, picked up most of the debris. B. Collins stated he appreciates the effort with the cleanup. G. Newman asked if the work would be done in 30 days. Mr. Bratcher stated yes. G. Newman made a motion to table action on this property until the first meeting in May; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

6640 LEONARD ROAD NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger updated the Commissioners on the ongoing nuisance violation AT 6640 Leonard Road. Mr. Battieger stated they have sent a letter to the owner, and he has had contact with the owner since the notice was sent. Mr. Battieger informed the Commissioners the trailer has been removed from the property, but there is still a lot of junk lying around. E. Koester made a motion to table this complaint to the first meeting in May; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

VETERAN AFFAIRS UPDATE

Kevin Hinton stated that he is the Southwest District Service Officer of the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs. Mr. Hinton stated Indiana code 10-7-1-9, formerly known as SEA 433 as of January 1, 2026, requires he update County Commissioners Bi-Annually. Mr. Hinton stated that county service officers must have at least one thousand hours a year working, and officer John Dike is following that code. Mr. Hinton stated John Dike is required to attend all mandatory trainings, which can consist of up to three in persons trainings.

SJCA SERVICE AGREEMENT

Jeff Tolley, Posey County Highway foreman presented an updated service agreement for SJAC to cover bridge inspections. B. Collins stated the service agreement is a renewal from the ones we have done in the past. B. Collins made a motion to approve the agreement; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

EMA

Carrie Thompson, Posey County EMA Director with Posey County EMA updated the Commissioners on several ongoing issues with the new siren in Wadesville. Mrs. Thompson stated that another client has been enrolled in the Project Life Saver, making the current client total four. Mrs. Thompson informed the Commissioners that she is looking into grants for emergency backup generators for tower sites. Mrs. Thompson updated the Commissioners on the ongoing Code Red issues, since the cyber-attack that Code Red suffered. Mrs. Thompson stated she has spoken with Joe Harrison about terminating the contract with Code Red, and that Mr. Harrison has drafted a letter asking for termination of our contract. Mrs. Thompson stated that she would like to make a change and move forward with Rave Alert going forward. G. Newman made a motion to go to council to fund a new company and terminate the contract with Code Red; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DISPATCH

Jamie Bradford, Posey County Dispatch Director informed the Commissioners she has a quote of roughly \$5,000.00 for the generators for tower sites. Mrs. Bradford stated there is a radio programming class going on currently with at least nine attendees.

EMS SURPLUS

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti presented 2 ambulances to the Commissioners for surplus. Mr. Micheletti informed the Commissioners that the EMS Department has received a new ambulance in 2025 and is receiving another ambulance. Mr. Micheletti stated the two ambulances with high mileage that he would like to have surplused. Mr. Micheletti stated there is a 2011 ambulance VIN 1FDXE4FS4BDA02082 with over 200,000 miles, and a 2022 McCoy Miller box VIN 1FDXE4FN7NDC40183 purchased from a company in North Carolina, that has since gone out of business. G. Newman made a motion to approve the surplus; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

MALCON

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti presented an updated Malcon contract for Commissioner approval. Mr. Micheletti stated that Malcon makes it possible to collect additional fees from Medicaid, last year \$71,000.00 was collected that would not have been possible without the assistance of Malcon. Mr. Micheletti sees this contract as very beneficial and is requesting renewal for years 2026, 2027, and 2028. E. Koester made a motion to renew the contract; G. Newman seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

B. Collins opened the public hearing portion of the meeting, and the following individuals spoke:
Tom Gugenheim - 1129 E. Church St.
Brian Williams – 1217 Huntersridge, Evansville
Nicole Chandler – 2711 Clarmont Ave. Evansville
Bill Pedtke – 2175 N. Cullen Ave. Evansville
Ryan Economy – 725 W. Hubbard St. Chicago, IL

B. Collins closed the public hearing.

B. Collins stated after many public meetings and listening to constituents he feels this is the best compromise.

G. Newman stated that he agrees with what B. Collins says and this provides a good balance.

E. Koester stated he prefers to stay out of solar because of conflict of interest.

G. Newman stated he has 15 amendments that he would like to propose listed below;

1-3 pg. 23 R1 zone district unincorporated area

1. Reduce lot width from 70 ft. to 50ft.
2. Reduce minimum lot area 7000 sq. Ft. to 5000 sq. ft. for lots with sewer
3. Increase the impervious lot coverage 30%-40%

4-5 pg. 26 R2 unincorporated area

4. Reduce lot width from 70 ft. – 50 ft.
5. Reduce lot area 7000 sq. ft – 5000 sq. ft. for lots with sewer
6. Pg.28 R3 District Reduce lot width 70ft-50ft.
7. R3 unincorporated area reduce lot area 7000sq. ft. – 5000sq. ft. for lots with sewer
8. Pg. 48 I2 district, other uses added similar to current ordinance
9. Pg. 58 landscape and buffer standards in section 3 subsection C2 from Shall to May
10. Pg. 162 Section B on activity standards
11. Pg. 163 Section B has to do with entrances
12. Pg 169 neighborhood parks change shall to may
13. Pg 170 neighborhood parks change shall to may

14. Pg. 174 sidewalk and trail standards change shall to may
15. Pg 218 change the definition of impervious surface to structures under cover not pavement or gravel

G. Newman made a motion to approve all 15 amendments as presented, E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

E. Koester stated he has 1 additional amendments that he would like to propose listed below;
1. Pg. 26 impervious surfaces R2 change from 30% to 40%

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

VOLT STRATEGIES

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have been presented with an updated contract from Volt Strategies.

B. Collins stated this contract is updating focus of work but the cost and terms are still the same.

B. Collins made a motion to approve the updated agreement; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

TRANE SERVICE AGREEMENT

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have been presented with a updated service agreement from Trane to service HVAC, boilers, and chillers for the Courthouse and Coliseum for 3 years.

B. Collins stated the services would cost \$15,218.00 in the first year, \$14,304.00 in the second year, and \$14,720.00 in the third year.

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

MARATHON PIPELINE COMPANY ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

B. Collins stated that the Commissioners have been presented with the encroachment agreement in regard to the Western Bypass.

B. Collins made a motion to approve the Encroachment Agreement, E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

AOS CONTRACT

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell presented an updated contract for 2026 with AOS the County's IT Vendor.

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

CONTRACT FOR ANNEX DOORS

B. Collins stated the Commissioners have been presented with a contract for the Annex building door cameras and locks to be installed in the amount of \$2,077.83.

B. Collins made a motion to approve the contract as presented, G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

DOC: 10

Vanderburgh County: 19

Posey County: 10

Total 89

Vanderburgh County income is \$15,320.00

Posey County EMS Director Paul Michelletti gave the following report for February:

186 Requests

206 Transports

\$107,105.50 in revenue

Posey County Auditor Maegen Greenwell informed the Commissioners the County Prosecutor has used Infraction Deferral and Pre-Trial Diversion funds to purchase a new 2026 Chevy Silverado and is in the process of trading in the current 2023 Dodge Durango VIN 1C4RDJFGXPC577987.

Mrs. Greenwell requested the Commissioners surplus the 2023 Dodge Durango.

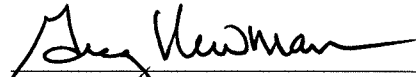
E. Koester made a motion to surplus the 2023 Dodge Durango; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

B. Collins stated the Commissioners have been approached to provide a letter of support to the Town of Poseyville for a grant application for Beat the Heat through IU.

B. Collins made a motion to ask Joe Harrison to draw up a letter of support for the unincorporated areas of Posey County. G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0



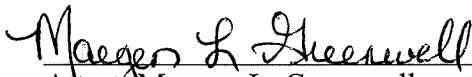
Bill Collins



Greg Newman



Eric Koester



Attest Maegen L. Greenwell