

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

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

Father Allen Rutherford led the Commissioners in prayer.

MINUTES

G. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from April 7, 2026; 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.

TREASURES REPORT

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

CLERKS REPORT

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

3921 DAVIS RD. NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger updated the Commissioners on the ongoing nuisance violation at 3921 Davis Rd. Mr. Battieger stated that the nuisance on 3921 Davis Rd. has much improved. B. Collins stated there is still some work to be done; he is going to table for thirty more days until the second meeting in May. B. Collins made a motion to table action on this property until the second meeting in May; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

PETITION TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON BARTER RD.

Michael Lutterbach, 7401 Barter Rd. is petitioning the speed limit to be lowered to 30 on Barter Rd. Mr. Lutterbach stated that Barter Rd. has several blind curves and is narrow, there is no way you can drive the road at 40mph. B. Collins stated he will have Joe Harrison prepare an ordinance to lower the speed limit from forty to thirty on Barter Rd. B. Collins made a motion to lower speed limit; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CUSTODIAL CONTRACT

B. Collins presented a custodial contract for the cleaning of the Health Department Building. E. Koester made a motion to approve the contract; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

INDIAN MOUND ROAD CROP SHARE FARM LEASE

B. Collins stated the county has had this farm lease for a year with Mr. Goebel, ten acres on Indian Mound Rd. Mr. Goebel is proposing to pay Posey County a flat fee of \$1750.00 for rent this year. E. Koester made a motion to accept the crop share lease agreement; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

VICTUS COMMISSARY CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Tom Latham, Posey County Sheriff presented the Commissioners with an updated Victus Commissary Contract. Sherriff Latham stated the money from the contract will be used to offset the maintenance for the new vehicles. G. Newman made a motion to approve the Victus commissary contract; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

KAJ TOWER LEASE 2026

Jaime Bradford, Posey County Dispatch stated this lease is for the New Harmony tower. Mrs. Bradford stated this is a three-year contract, it goes up to one hundred dollars per month. Mrs. Bradford stated we pay in six-month increments. E. Koester made a motion to table the lease due to the age of the tower, and the way the contract stated KAJ will not be responsible for the negligence on their part. G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

ASSESSOR-REQUEST FOR BIDS

B. Collins made a motion to table the request for bids until the Assessor can attend the meeting; E. Koester seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0.

REZONING REQUEST

Keith Rheinlander is asking for a petition to rezone property from an agricultural zoning district to a residential multiple family zoning district on the eleven acres he purchased. Jerry Cotner, area plan, stated he brings the recommendation for the yes to rezone to R3. G. Newman made a motion to approve the rezoning; E. Koester seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0.

UDO ORDINANCE

Joe Harrison presented this ordinance is for the approval of Area Plan Commission from the last meeting. Mr. Harrison stated he would waive the second reading of the ordinance if the commissioners approve. G. Newman made a motion to adopt the ordinance and waive the second reading of the ordinance; E. Koester seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0.

OPIOD PARTICIPATING SUBDIVISION APPLICATION SETTLEMENT FORM

Joe Harrison presented an opioid settlement proposal. Mr. Harrison stated the county is a participant in an opioid settlement being pursued by the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Harrison stated he recommends the county apply for this settlement. E. Koester made a motion for the county to apply; G. Newman seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0.

SERENITY ESTATES FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLE

Joe Harrison stated that this is the final assessment role that will need to be recorded, and the installment agreements that will need to be recorded after. Maegen Greenwell, County Auditor will sign a certificate certifying the form of the agreement. G. Newman made a motion to the final assessment role; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

DOC: 13

Vanderburgh County: 23

Posey County: 96


Total 126

Carrie Thompson, Posey County EMA, gave an update of the Code Red Contract. Mrs. Thompson stated she did get approval from the council to terminate the contract with Code Red.

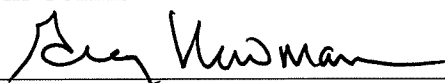
Mrs. Thompson stated that she has applied for the Center Point Community Foundation Grant for emergency generators. G. Newman made the motion for Joe Harris to authorize the letter to Code Red; E. Koester seconded. The motion was carried with a vote of 3-0.

Jeff Toelle, Posey County Highway informed the Commissioners the community crossing paving is going very well, after this week only one road will be left to pave.


Maegen Greenwell, Posey County Auditor stated she received a request from the prosecutor to purchase a used vehicle to use for drug task force equipment. B. Collins made a motion to approve; G. Newman second. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.



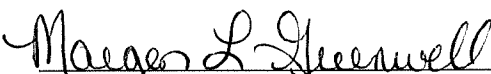
Bill Collins



Greg Newman



Eric Koester



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell