

## **POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2026**

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

Greg Newman led the Commissioners in prayer.

### **MINUTES**

Eric Koester made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2026; Greg Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **CLAIMS**

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

### **HIGHWAY 69S NUISANCE COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger updated the Commissioners on the ongoing nuisance violation at Highway 69S. Mr. Battieger stated that the nuisance has much improved, and he is ready to close the complaint out. E. Koester made a motion to close Highway 69S complaint; G. Newman 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 6640 Leonard Road nuisance complaint. Mr. Battieger stated some progress has been made, but the area is still messy with debris. B. Collins suggested giving them another month to clean the area up. G. Newman made a motion to table the complaint until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. meeting; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **4224 STATE ROAD 69 NORTH COMPLAINT**

Posey County Building Commissioner Ed Battieger updated the Commissioners on the 4224 State Road 69N complaint. Mr. Battieger stated the trailer has been moved and he recommends closing this complaint. E. Koester made a motion to close the complaint on 4224 State Road 69N; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **KAJ TOWER LEASE 2026**

Jaime Bradford from Posey County Dispatch presented the updated lease agreement with KAJ. Mrs. Bradford stated she has removed the last sentence from 2D. Mrs. Bradford stated she presented the 2D to Joe Harrison and he approved of the correction. B. Collins stated in 2C there is a sentence still in the lease that should also be removed. Joe Harrison stated he would remove the sentence from 2C. B. Collins made a motion to accept the corrected lease agreement; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

### **SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE BARTER ROAD**

B. Collins updated the request to lower the speed limit on Barter Road from 40mph to 30mph. B. Collins stated this approval has been posted in the newspaper and will waive final reading. E.

Koester made a motion to approve lowering the speed limit; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION**

B. Collins stated Kyle Jones from the Health Department could not attend the meeting and asked for Equipment Acquisition to be tabled. B. Collins made a motion to table the acquisition until the next meeting May 19th; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **MID AMERICA HEALTH MOU-SHERIFF**

B. Collins stated that the renewal of the agreement is \$2800.00 per day to see all the patients. G. Newman made a motion to approve the MOU with Mid America Health; E. Koester seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

#### **SJCA – BRIDGE 53 SHUT DOWN**

Tara Lloyd with SJCA explained why bridge 53 was shut down, and what some options are to fix. Mike Wenning with SJCA stated he has looked over the previous inspection report and pictures the team has sent in. Mr. Wenning stated this bridge is on a one-year cycle of inspection because it is considered more probable for deterioration, where most are on a two-year cycle for public safety. Mr. Wenning stated one of the bottom cords on the bridge had snapped off, and all the joints are deteriorating. Mr. Wenning estimated replacing the member would be in the hundred-thousand-dollar range, replacing the bridge would be about a two-million-dollar project, repairing the bridge would be a million to a million and a half dollars. Mr. Wenning stated if the county totally replaces the bridge it is estimated to have twenty more years of use. G. Newman made a motion to ask for a proposal to study the various options of Bridge 53; E. Koester seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0.

#### **EREP CONTRACT**

B. Collins stated EREP contract is coming up for renewal in July. G. Newman stated he recommends looking into other options. B. Collins stated he agrees, it would be better if we always have someone in Posey County. E. Koester stated we should make the motion not to renew until June when the contract is up.

G. Newman made a motion to explore our possibilities to hire our own economical director; E. Koester seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0

#### **RAVE ALERT**

Carrie Thompson, Posey County EMA stated she sent an email with the quote agreement for five years with Rave Alert for \$28,750.00, we would be billed \$5750.00 per year. Mrs. Thompson stated the contract termination letter for Code Red got mailed April 21. G. Newman made a motion to approve the contract with Rave Alert; E. Koester seconded. The motion carries with a vote of 3-0.

Mrs. Thompson stated that she submitted a grant application for emergency backup generators for 5 of our 10 communication sites throughout the county that currently have no back up power. Mrs. Thompson updated on the Wadesville siren, they have identified two locations that are operated on the same frequency in Illinois and Kentucky. KAJ are going to reach out to those two locations to figure out which one is causing the problem.

**CHILLER AT COURTHOUSE**

B. Collins stated that bids will be going out soon to replace the chiller at the courthouse. B. Collins stated that he had maintenance quotes to replace the condenser fan motor and blades; Trane gave a quote of \$9912.00 and Melkay's quote was \$5640.82.

B. Collins wants approval for \$9912.00 to replace condenser motor fans. E. Koester made a motion to approve up to \$ 9912.00 to replace condenser motor fans; G. Newman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Paul Micheletti for Posey County EMS stated as a user of the radio systems he is in support of getting the generators that kick on automatically. Mr. Micheletti stated that a tornado went through Bridge 53 area, he didn't know if there was any funding we could get because of the natural disaster. Mr. Micheletti also stated the new medic 2 is in service.

April numbers:

236 requests

174 transports

\$146,995.18 in revenue

Dustin Seitz Posey County Sherriff gave the numbers from the jail;

106 Posey County inmates

23 Vanderburgh inmates

9 Indiana Department of Corrections

\$23,520.00

John Dike Posey County Veteran Service Officer stated he has information regarding the 2026 annual meeting he plans to attend, June 15-18. Mr. Dike stated he plans to do a Veteran event in 2026 at the American Legion.

*Bill Collins*

Bill Collins

*Greg Newman*

Greg Newman

*Eric Koester*

Eric Koester

Maegen L Greenwell

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Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell