

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present at the meeting: Tom Schneider, Dave Dausman, Heather Allyn, Jerry Chastain, Auditor Maegen Greenwell, and County Attorney Josh Claybourn. Dave Pearce, Rusty Jourdan, and Dave Pearce were absent.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Jim Allen opened the Council meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the March Council meeting minutes; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Chastain made a motion to approve the February and March Treasure's report; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

D. Dausman made a motion to approve the February and March Clerk's report; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0

ANIMAL CONTROL PART-TIME FUNDING

Commissioner President Bill Collins addressed the Council about funding a part-time animal control officer. Mr. Collins stated this position would be funded with an interlocal agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and the County in the amount of \$38,000.00. H. Allyn asked if this position would help with coverage for the full-time animal control officer. Mr. Collins stated that his plan is to use this position for coverage and to rotate the on-call times between the two positions to cut down on Comp hours for the full-time animal control officer. T. Schneider stated that he would like to have cost sharing and raises included in this agreement to protect the County from this turning into a County Obligation. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners would move forward with a one-year agreement to be reviewed annually. T. Schneider made a motion to approve the request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0

CAT TRAP PROGRAM

Commissioner President Bill Collins addressed the Council regarding a cat trap, neuter and return program. Mr. Collins stated his request is for \$3,000 to start this project to match what the city of Mount Vernon will contribute to this program. Mr. Collins stated that this program will cover 108 cats this year. D. Dausman made a motion to approve this program; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

COLISEUM BUILDING SECURITY

Commissioner President Bill Collins addressed the Council regarding cameras and updating locks at the Coliseum building. Mr. Collins stated that the most recent quote that Sheriff Latham received was for \$160,000 in June 2025, but the hope is that they can cut some things and bring the final cost in less. to J. Chastain made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

NIX ABATEMENT APPLICATION

Council member Heather Allyn informed the Council there was no one representing NIX present at the meeting. H. Allyn stated at the March meeting she had requested NIX submit corrected documentation in regards to the number of retained employees, but that has not been done as of yet.

T. Schneider made a motion at table the abatement request pending more information from the NIX company in regard to their final application; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 with Jerry Chastain abstaining.

CODE RED UPDATE

Posey EMA Director Carrie Thompson addressed the Council regarding issues with the CODERED system. Mrs. Thompson stated that the County has been using CODERED since 2011; however, they have moved to a new platform called Crissis24. Mrs. Thompson stated that since this change, there have been several issues with the system, including alerts being sent in regards to wrong Counties and major delays. Mrs. Thompson informed the Council that she has completed demos with other companies and would like to move forward with transitioning to Rave Alert. Mrs. Thompson stated that she is seeking the Council's approval to discontinue the contract with CODERED and to move forward with a contract with Rave Alert. T. Schneider made a motion to give Mrs. Thompson the blessing of the Council to move forward with this request, with the understanding that there is the potential for a need for an additional in the amount of \$5,750 in 2026; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCH POSITIONS

Posey County Dispatch Director Jamie Bradford addressed the Council regarding a request for two additional dispatch positions. Mrs. Bradford stated this is a need due to the increase in calls in the County and this will place three dispatchers on each shift. J. Chastain made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

JAIL COMMISSARY REPORT

H. Allyn stated that the Sheriff is required to submit his Commissary report to the Council quarterly. Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham provided the Council with the quarterly report. D. Dausman made a motion to accept the quarterly Commissary report; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

JAIL COMMISSARY ORDINANCE

H. Allyn stated that during the most recent State Board of Accounts exit conference from audit for year 2025 it was mentioned that Posey County should look at clarifying the commissary ordinance to add more detail along with adopting it annually. J. Chastain made a motion to table the commissary ordinance until May to give time for further review; D. Dausman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Posey County Dispatch Director Jamie Bradford is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50.00 into the donations line of County General.

J. Chastain made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham is requesting the following additional appropriations:

\$6,693.90 into the Vehicle Maintenance & Repair line of 1170 LIT

D. Dausman made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

\$30,000 into the Repairs and Maintenance line of Jail Maintenance 4900

J. Chastain made a motion to approve this request; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Jeff Toelle Posey County Highway Foreman is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$989,568.60 into the contractual services line of Community Crossings-9100.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey EMA Director Carrie Thompson presented the Council with an update on Project Lifesaver and stated that there are four active clients in the four months the project has been running.

Mrs. Thompson stated that she is looking into grant opportunities for tower sites and backup generators.

Mrs. Thompson gave the Council an update on the Wadesville siren and the ongoing issues.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham gave the following housing report:

13 DOC

16 Vanderburgh

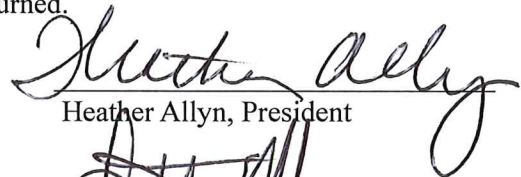
87 Posey

116 total


Vanderburgh Billing for March \$15,320.00

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham informed the Council that he has purchased three new vehicles as was budgeted for 2026. Sheriff Latham stated that he plans to use \$30,000.00 from the Commissary funds to equip the vehicles from a sign on bonus that the Sheriff's Office will be receiving from a new four-year contract with the Jail's Commissary vendor.

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



Heather Allyn, President



Jerry Chastain, Vice President



Dave Pearce



Dave Dausman



Rusty Jourdan



Zack George



Thomas Schneider

ATTEST: 