

**Essential Service Committee Meeting**  
**November 18, 2025**  
**Minutes**

The Essential Service Committee held a regular meeting on November 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Government Center in Vernon, Indiana. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mike Cole.

**Those present:** John Post, Rebecca McClellan, Keith Messer, Ed Biehle, Mike Cole, Russell Vaught and Executive Director Marie Shepherd.

The **first item** of business was the reading, corrections, and approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2025, meeting. After reviewing the minutes, John Post made the motion to approve the minutes as prepared. Keith Messer seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 6 members voting in favor.

The **second item** of business was the rezone request of William H White Jr. Mr. White would like to rezone parcel #40-09-28-240-004.000-004 located at 1560 W Locust Street, North Vernon from Agriculture to Residential Multi-Family to continue the use as apartments. The structure has been remodeled, and the existing pole building structure has living quarters for 3 people living downstairs with 2 bedrooms & 1-person living upstairs in a 1 room efficiency. This remodeling was done without a permit.

Commonly known as: 1560 W Locust Street, North Vernon IN 47265  
Legal Description: PT E ½ NWQ 28-7-8 1.16AC PT E ½ NWQ 26-7-8 0.038AC  
Map Number: 40-09-28-240-004.000-004

After discussion with William White, Ed Biehle made a motion to approve the rezone and if the current tenants move out, it reverts back to Agriculture. Russell Vaught seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 6 members voting in favor. The Area Plan Commission will hear the request at their December 1, 2025, meeting.

The **third item** of business was the rezone request of Vida Investment Group, LLC being represented by Jeremy Ochs. Mr. Ochs would like to rezone parcel #40-12-02-330-072.000-013 located at 23 E Brown Street, Vernon from Commercial to Residential Multi-Family to bring this property into compliance.

Commonly known as: 23 E Brown Street, Vernon IN 47282  
Legal Description: VERNON 132  
Map Number: 40-12-02-330-072.000-013

After discussion with Jeremy Ochs, John Post made a motion to approve the rezone. Rebecca McClellan seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 6 members voting in favor. The Area Plan Commission will hear the request at their December 1, 2025, meeting.

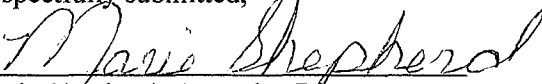
**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, Keith Messer made the motion to adjourn. Rebecca McClellan seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 6 members voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marie Shepherd, Executive Director  
Jennings County Area Plan Commission