

**Area Plan Commission**  
**March 2, 2026**  
**Minutes**

The Area Plan Commission held a regular scheduled meeting on March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Government Center in Vernon, Indiana. Executive Director Marie Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Those present:** Chad Ebinger, Travis Shepherd, Dave Woodall, Shane Boswell, Scott Smith, Pat Kirchner, Toby Taylor, Attorney Brad Kage and Executive Director Marie Shepherd. **Absent:** John Post and Tiger Zamora

The **first item** of business was the appointments and election of officers for 2026. Travis Shepherd nominated Chad Ebinger for president; the nomination was seconded by Dave Woodall. Pat Kirchner made a motion to close the nominations; Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Director Shepherd called for the vote; Chad Ebinger was elected President. This passed with 6 members voting in favor and 1 member (Chad Ebinger) abstaining.

Dave Woodall nominated Travis Shepherd for vice president; the nomination was seconded by Toby Taylor. Chad Ebinger made a motion to close the nominations; Pat Kirchner seconded the motion. Director Shepherd called for the vote; Travis Shepherd was elected vice president. This unanimously passed with 7 members voting in favor.

The 2026 officers are: President – Chad Ebinger and Vice President – Travis Shepherd

Dave Woodall made a motion to retain Brad Kage as the Area Plan attorney. Travis Shepherd seconded the motion. Chad Ebinger made a motion to close the nominations; Pat Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion to retain Brad Kage was passed unanimously with 7 members voting in favor via a vote called by Director Shepherd.

Travis Shepherd made a motion to appointment Dave Woodall to the Essential Service Committee as the incorporated member and Shane Boswell as the unincorporated member. Chad Ebinger seconded the motion. Chad Ebinger made a motion to close the nominations; Pat Kirchner seconded the motion. Director Shepherd called for the vote and was unanimously passed with 7 members voting in favor.

The **second item** of business will be the reading, correction and approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2026, meeting. There was not a meeting held on February 2, 2026. After reviewing the minutes, Shane Boswell made a motion to approve the minutes. Toby Taylor seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 7 members voting in favor.

The **third item** of business will be the approval/denial of a mobile home for Bart & Loretta Caldwell. The mobile home is currently located at 7195 N. County Road 600 E. and will be moved to 5555 E. Highway 50, LaFlower Mobile Home Park. Inspector Danny Woodbeck has inspected the mobile home.

After a brief discussion, Travis Shepherd made a motion to approve the mobile home. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. This passed with 6 members voting in favor and 1 member (Shane Boswell) voting to deny.

The **fourth item** of business will be the “Show Cause” hearing on Case #1031 owned by Michael R. Marshall located at 35 N. 5th St., North Vernon, IN 47265. The owner of the property has been notified that the building is showing exterior deterioration and has boarded up windows. Despite our office opening this case on April 1, 2025, and subsequent notifications, the property remains in violation.

The property owner was not present. After a brief discussion, Dave Woodall made a motion to file for legal action. Pat Kirchner seconded the motion. This passed with 6 members voting in favor and 1 member (Travis Shepherd) voting to deny.

The **fifth item** of business will be the "Show Cause" hearing on Case #871 owned by Jonathan Myers located at 971 Wildwood Road, CSL, North Vernon, IN 47265. The property owner and the current tenant, Morgan Hubbard, have been notified that all trash, debris, unnecessary clutter, overgrown vegetation be removed from the property. Despite our office opening this case on September 18, 2025, and subsequent notifications, the property remains in violation. Dismissed.

The **sixth item** of business will be the "Show Cause" hearing on Case #632 owned by Kyle Sanders located at 420 & 422 Hoosier Street, North Vernon, IN 47265. The property owner has been notified that all trash, debris, unnecessary clutter, and overgrown vegetation must be removed from the premises. Additionally, the building has boarded up windows. Despite our office opening this case on October 30, 2025, and subsequent notifications, the property remains in violation.

After a brief discussion with the property owners, Dave Woodall made a motion to give them 30 days to remove the trash, debris, unnecessary clutter, and overgrown vegetation and 90 days to replace the door and windows and if not in compliance, file for legal action. Pat Kirchner seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 7 members voting in favor.

The **seventh item** of business will be the "Show Cause" hearing on Case #1654 owned by Jay C. Snawder located at 496 Beech Road, CSL, North Vernon, IN 47265. The property owner has been notified that all trash, debris, unnecessary clutter, and overgrown vegetation must be removed from the premises, and you cannot live in a camper. Mr. Snawder was instructed on April 7, 2025, Show Cause hearing to obtain proper licensing for his camper. Despite our office opening this case on November 26, 2024, and subsequent notifications, the property remains in violation.

The property owner was absent; however, he submitted a statement via email for the board. After a brief discussion, Travis Shepherd made a motion to file for legal action. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 7 members voting in favor

The **eighth item** of business will be the "Show Cause" hearing on Case #644 owned by Joseph Mark Staples located at 116 Platter Drive, North Vernon, IN 47265. Mr. Staples received a remodeling permit #2022759 on December 22, 2022 and received two extensions which expired on September 30, 2024 and August 28, 2025. The permit has expired and the final inspection done on September 4, 2025 failed. Despite subsequent notifications, the property remains in violation. Item dismissed.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**


Shane Boswell made a motion that anyone bidding on the Area Plan demolition jobs must carry workman's comp and liability insurance and add this verbiage to the bid sheet. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 7 members voting in favor.

Dave Woodall made a motion to cancel the Area Plan meeting scheduled for April 6, 2026, in the event that the trial is still going forward. Travis Shepherd seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 7 members voting in favor.

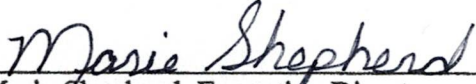
**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, Pat Kirchner made a motion to adjourn. Toby Taylor seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 7 members voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chad Ebinger, President  
Jennings County Area Plan Commission

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Marie Shepherd, Executive Director  
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