

Essential Service Committee Meeting
April 21, 2026
Minutes

The Essential Service Committee held a regular scheduled meeting on April 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Government Center in Vernon, Indiana. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mike Cole.

Those present: President Becca McClellan, Jerry Shepherd, Mike Cole, Ed Biehle, Lucas Newsom and Executive Director Marie Shepherd.

The **first item** of business was the reading, corrections, and approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2025, meeting. After reviewing the minutes, Ed Biehle made the motion to approve the minutes as prepared. Jerry Shepherd seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 5 members voting in favor.

The **second item** of business was the rezone request of EJ Express LLC represented by Eric Pettit. He would like to rezone parcel #40-09-34-240-067.000-004 located at 218 4th Street, North Vernon from Commercial to Residential Multi-Family. This would bring this property into compliance for its usage.

Commonly known as: 218 4th Street, North Vernon IN 47265

Legal Description: N V 512 PP

Map Number: 40-09-34-240-067.000-004

After a brief discussion, Ed Biehle made the motion to approve the rezone. Becca McClellan seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 5 members voting in favor. The Area Plan Commission will hear the request at their May 4, 2026 meeting.

The **third item** of business was the rezone request of Ben & Salome Schwartz represented by Gloriana Robbins of Pieratt & Belding Real Estate. They would like to rezone 1 acre for a cemetery and 2 acres for a school located at 2080 N Co Rd 550 E, Butlerville from Agriculture to Institutional.

Commonly known as: 2080 N Co Rd 550 E, Butlerville IN 47223

Legal Description: PT SEQ 27-7-9 52.557 AC Tract "B"

Map Number: 40-08-27-400-020.000-002

After a brief discussion with Gloriann Robbins and Mr. Schwartz, Jerry Shepherd made the motion to approve the rezone. Ed Biehle seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 5 members voting in favor. The Area Plan Commission will hear the request at their May 4, 2026 meeting.

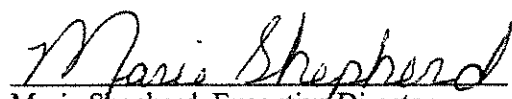
Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Becca McClellan made the motion to adjourn. Lucas Newsom seconded the motion. This passed unanimously with 5 members voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Shepherd, Executive Director
Jennings County Area Plan Commission