MINUTES OF THE KNOX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

June 16, 2026

Call to order: The June 16, 2026, meeting of the Knox County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Dean Wilken at 7:00 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse Board of Supervisors meeting room.

Announcement of Open Meeting Act: Chairman Wilken announced where the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Roll Call: Members present: Jim Kotrous, David Arens, Robert Ganz, Dean Wilken, Greg Kuhlman, Neil Clausen, and Robert Larsen. Absent: Doug DeShazer, Seth Pokorny. Also present were Zoning Administrator Austin Taylor, K. Mae Burkhardt.

Approve Agenda & Public Notice in the Wausa Gazette, Crofton Journal

Robert Ganz moved, Robert Larsen seconded to approve the agenda and public notice which was published in the Wausa Gazette, Crofton Journal. Roll call vote showed all present in favor Ayes: Jim Kotrous, David Arens, Robert Ganz, Dean Wilken, Greg Kuhlman, Neil Clausen, and Robert Larsen. Absent: Doug DeShazer, Seth Pokorny.

Approve the Minutes from the March 10th, 2026 Meeting. Greg Kuhlman moved, Jim Kotrous seconded to approve the minutes of March 10th meeting. Roll call vote showed all present in favor. Ayes: Jim Kotrous, David Arens, Robert Ganz, Dean Wilken, Greg Kuhlman, Neil Clausen, and Robert Larsen. Absent: Doug DeShazer, Seth Pokorny.

Ex Parte Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Public hearing to receive public comments regarding the application for regulation amendments #Z2602 from K. Mae Burkhardt to Amend Sec. 1.02 Purpose and Intent, item 9 to add "and townships"**

   Chairman Wilken opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Administrator Taylor gave a brief explanation of the application. No calls or letters were received in favor or in opposition of the application. K. Mae Burkhardt then approached the board to request amendments to several articles of the Zoning Regulations, including Sec. 1.02 Purpose and Intent, proposing the addition of language to include reference to townships.

Planning Commission member then asked, “where in the zoning regulations, is the absence of the term “townships,” creating a problem?” Another board member stated they would seek advice regarding the proposed changes.

Board member Seth Pokorny arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Neil Clausen made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. with a second from Greg Kuhlman. Roll call vote Ayes: Jim Kotrous, David Arens, Robert Ganz, Dean Wilken, Greg Kuhlman, Neil Clausen, Seth Pokorny and Robert Larsen. Absent: Doug DeShazer.

Public comments: None

The March, April, May, and June permit reports were reviewed.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Chairman Wilken.

Austin Taylor, Zoning Administrator

Approved by Planning Commission: August 18, 2026

Placed on File with Board of Supervisors: September 2, 2026