

# **2025 STARKE COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS NEEDED**

**(Commissioner Appointments Highlighted in Yellow)**

**(Council Appointments Highlighted in Red)**

## **ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSIONERS' BOARD**

## **TERM ENDING**

President	Charles Chesak	2025
Vice President	Mike VanDeMark	2025
Member	Don Binkley	2025
County Attorney (currently Justin Schramm)		2025

## **STARKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD (IC 36-9)**

President	Greg Troike	2026
Vice President	Ed Jernas	2026
Secretary (commissioner)	Charles Chesak	2025
Member	Matthew Lawrence	2025

Member (currently Merlyn Lucas)

**Starke-Pulaski Drainage Board** (currently Merlyn Lucas & Greg Troike)

**Marshall Starke Drainage Board** (currently Matt Lawrence & Charlie Chesak)

**Three County Drainage Board** (currently Ed Jernas)

**Monon Drainage Board** (currently Merlyn Lucas)

**Four County Drainage Board** (currently Ed Jernas)

**Zec Chap-Lohr** (currently Greg Troike)

## **COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

President

Vice President

Council Attorney (currently Justin Schramm)

## **COMMISSIONER TO CONTACT**

Jail	Don Binkley
Courthouse & Annex	Charles Chesak
Highway Department	Mike VanDeMark
EMS	Don Binkley
Landfill	Charles Chesak

## **BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD (Per Ordinance)**

County Commissioners by virtue of their office

## **FINANCE BOARD (IC)**

County Commissioners by virtue of their office

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD****OFFICIAL MAKING APPT.**

Don Binkley	Commissioners
(Currently Dave Pearman)	Council
(Currently Kay Gudeman)	Council

**SCILL**

Bruce Bennett	Council
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**K.I.R.P.C.**

All three commissioners	
(Currently Bruce Bennett)	Council

**ARROWHEAD**

Don Binkley	Commissioners
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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Charles Chesak	Commissioners
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**PLANNING COMMISSION (IC 36-7)**

Matt Lawrence (R)	Commissioners	2027
Denise Cultice (D)	Commissioners	2025
Todd Jackson (R)	Commissioners	2025
Isaiah Collins (D)	Commissioners	2026
Mark Allen (D)	Twp. Trustee appointed by trustees	2025
Mike VanDeMark (R)	Commissioners	
<Currently Howard Bailey (R)>	Council	
Gwen Rentz, Surveyor (Currently Phil Woolery)	By virtue of office Extension Office Appt.	

**BOARD OF ZONING (IC 36-7)**

Eugene Pugh (R)	Commissioners	
<Currently Mark Allen (D)>	Planning Commission	
Roberta Lee (R)	Commissioners	
Jason Downs (R)	Commissioners	2025
Denise Coultice (D)	Council	2025

**HEALTH BOARD**

Angela Banks (R)	2028
Carolyn Benoit (R)	2026
Deborah C. Hansen (R)	2025
Rita Berger (D)	2026
Angela Stacy Flagg (D)	2025

**ALL COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS**

**LIBRARY BOARD (ID 36-12)**

(Currently Julie Smith)	Commissioners	
(Currently Marcia Lochhner)	Council	
Steve Dodge	Commissioners	2025
Nicole Salazar	Joint School Boards (NJ-SP, O-D, And Culver)	2026
Susan Lucas	Council	2026
Kin Gingher	Knox School Board	2026
Ruth Bailey	Knox School Board	2025

**NORTH JUDSON-WAYNE TWP. LIBRARY BOARD**

Joanne Gappa	Commissioners	2027
Nathan Origer	Council	2025
Venita Cunningham	N.J. Town Board	2025
Dave Altman	Wayne Twp. Advisory Board	2026
Justin Miller	NJ-SP School Board	2027
(Currently Jack Reimbold)	NJ-SP School Board	
Linda Schumacher	NJ-SP School Board	2026

**AVIATION BOARD IC 8-22**

**(ALL COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS)**

Jim Long (R)		2028
Leigh Smith (R)		2025
Lionel Smead (D)		2026
Carl Goodrich		2027

**HOSPITAL COMMUNITY BOARD**

**(ALL COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS)**

Erland Henry		2028
Marty Lucas		2028
Dolores Bennett		2025
Kathy Norem		2025
Rosanne Boisvert		2026
Larry Jernas		2026
Dr. Walter Fritz		2027

**ALCOOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD (IC 7)**

Joseph Pucel	Commissioners	
(Currently Gwen Rentz)	Council	
(Currently Bill Gustafson)	City of Knox	

**SOLID WASTE BOARD**

All three commissioners	By virtue of their office	
(Currently Todd Leinach)	Council Representative	

### **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

(Currently James Jenkins (R)>	Commissioners -does NOT want reappointed	
(Currently John Wilson (D)>	Commissioners -does NOT want reappointed	
Jeff Berg (D)	Knox City Council	2027
Sherry Cowen (D)	Knox City Council	2027
Donald Kring (D)	Knox City Council	2027
Jim Brown (R)	Mayor of Knox	2027
<Currently Jeff Houston (D)>	Mayor of Knox	
Ron Parker (D)	Mayor of Knox	2027
(Currently Dan Allen)	Mayor of Knox	

### **P.T.A.B.O.A. BOARD (IC 6-1.1)**

<Currently Phil Olinger (R)>	Commissioners -requesting reappointment	
Victoria Chessor (D)	Commissioners	
<Currently Michelle Downs (D)>	Council	

### **LEPC BOARD (Local Emergency Planning Commission)**

Don Binkley with proxy		
Charles Chesak	Commissioners	

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Don Binkley with proxy		
Charles Chesak	Commissioners	

### **FEMA BOARD**

Mike VanDeMark with proxy		
Charles Chesak)	Commissioners	

### **STARKE COUNTY CONVENTION AND**

#### **VISITORS' COMMISSION (IC 6-9)    ALL COMMISISONER APPOINTMENTS**

Kathy Norem		2025
(Currently Dennis Estok) does NOT want reappointed		
(Currently Tiffany Nagai)		
JoAnne Bailey		2028
Mark Allen		2025
(Currently Linda Banasiak)		
(Currently Erland Henry) tabled until confirmed legal		
Mary Perren		2025
Bernadette Manuel		2025

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD**

Kim Hall	Judge Designee	2028
Leslie Baker	Prosecutor Designee	2026
Dennis Estok	Mayor Designee	2027
Jack Rosa	Sheriff Designee	2026
Charles Hasnerl	Judge Designee	2027
Micah Cox	Judiciary	2028
Michaelene J. Houston	County Fiscal Body Designee	2026
(Currently Richard Ballard)	Public Defender Designee	
(Currently John Novak)	Probation Officer	
(Currently Vacant)	Educational Admin.	
(Currently Crystal Bradley)	DFC Director Designee	
(Currently Samantha Piper)	Ex-Offender	
(Currently Todd Willis)	Mental Health Admin	
(Currently Lori Bailey)	Victim Advocate	
(Currently vacant)	Juv. CF/JDC/MH Representative	
(Currently Abby White)	JDAI	
(Currently vacant)	Juvenile Probation Officer	
(Currently vacant)	Private Corrections Agency	
(Currently Ted Hayes)	Layperson	
(Currently Pastor Cunningham)	Layperson	
Marlene Patrick	Layperson	
(Currently Vacant)	Layperson	

## **BUILDING CORPORATION**

Charles Chesak	Commissioners	2026
Ted Hayes	Commissioners	2025
(Currently Jim Brown)	Commissioners	

## **PARK BOARD**

Tom Busch (R)	Commissioners	2028
Stephen Ritzler (D)	County Council	2026
<Currently Karl Swihart (D)>	County Council	
Richard Ballard (D)	Judge of Circuit Court	2025
Sam Byer (R)	Judge of Circuit Court	2027

## **MARSHALL STARKE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

(Currently Anthony Black)	County Council	
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