



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
STARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **Starke County Plan Commission** will hold a public meeting on:

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Starke County Annex 1 – Meeting Room 153 East Mound Street, Knox, Indiana

AGENDA **(CHANGE)** **(ADD)**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Determination of Quorum
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (25 MAR 26)
7. Old Business
 - **Discussion: Resolution 2026-PC-07 (Establishing Procedures for Residential Permit Review, Plan Examination, and Inspections).**
 1. **Subject:** Presentation of the draft **Ordinance 2026-XX**.
 2. **Key Items:** Review of the state-mandated “Private Provider” option (IC 36-7-2.5), the 20/30/50 fee split (Exhibits A & B), and the new “Owner Affidavit” requirement.
 3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus to proceed to Public Hearing.
 - **Discussion: Resolution 2026-PC-08 (Fence Ordinance)**
 1. **Subject:** Presentation of the draft **Ordinance 2026-XX amending Section 6-12-3-5(F)** of the County Code regarding fences.
 2. **Key Items:** Review of the proposed fence regulations by explicitly defining “Approved” vs “Prohibited” materials and establishing zoning-specific standards.
 3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus to publish notice for Public Hearing
8. New Business
 - **Discussion: Draft Ordinance 2026-___ (Commercial/Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems)**
 1. **Subject:** 2nd reading of the draft ordinances regarding Commercial Solar Energy Systems (CSES).
 2. **Key Items:** Review of draft revisions and updates.
 3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus to approve the draft for the April 22nd Public Hearing.
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 - **Discussion: Draft Ordinance 2026-___ (Carbon Capture Moratorium)**
 1. **Subject:** Presentation of the draft Carbon Capture Moratorium.
 2. **Key Items:** Review of the proposed temporary moratorium on carbon capture infrastructure and associated activities.

3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus to approve the draft for the April 22nd Public Hearing.

9. **Staff Reports**

10. **Public Comment**

11. **Board Comment**

12. **Adjournment**

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Posted by: John McCurrie III

Date Posted: March 26th, 2026



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