

HARRISON COUNTY • COMMUNITY ACTION GUIDE
Flock Cameras & Mass Surveillance
A Harrison County Community Action Plan

Goal: educate residents, build visible community support, and ask county leaders to put clear public safeguards around automated license-plate readers and other surveillance technology.

CORE STRATEGY

**Signs create awareness. People at meetings create pressure. Records create facts.
Commissioners make policy. County Council controls spending.**

1. Put the Message Where People Will See It

Use simple issue-advocacy signs on private property with the property owner's permission. Examples: "STOP MASS SURVEILLANCE IN HARRISON COUNTY," "ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT FLOCK CAMERAS," or "PROTECT OUR PRIVACY." A QR code can send people to a fact page, meeting information, and public records.

Where signs can go

- Best option: homes, farms, businesses, and other private property where the owner has given permission.
- Do NOT assume a sign may be placed on public property or in a road right-of-way.
- Harrison County's zoning ordinance prohibits signs on streets/highway rights-of-way, sidewalks, utility poles, public fences, hydrants, lampposts, and similar public fixtures.
- Keep signs where they do not block traffic sight distance at intersections or driveways.
- The county zoning ordinance lists temporary signs of 6 square feet or less as exempt signs, but location restrictions still matter. For unusual or large signs, confirm with the Harrison County Plan Commission.

Practical rule: Build a large PRIVATE-property sign network instead of spending energy fighting over public rights-of-way.

2. Turn Sign Support Into Meeting Attendance

The signs should point people toward a specific action: attend county meetings, learn the facts, and ask elected officials to establish public rules before surveillance expands.

- Commissioners: focus on policy, contracts, operations, oversight, data access, retention, sharing, and expansion.
- County Council: focus on taxpayer spending, appropriations, renewals, expansion costs, and whether funding should continue without safeguards.

- Recruit many attendees, but give speakers different topics so officials hear a complete case instead of the same speech repeatedly.

3. The Easiest Way to Get on a Harrison County Agenda

Do not rely only on an online calendar. Meeting dates can move. Harrison County's own meeting-information page tells residents who want to be added to an agenda to contact the Auditor's Office before the meeting.

Harrison County Auditor	Sara Burdick, Auditor
Office	Harrison County Government Center, 245 Atwood St. NE, Suite 211, Corydon, IN 47112
Phone	(812) 738-8241
Hours	Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Purpose	Ask for upcoming Commissioner/Council dates and request placement on the appropriate agenda

Step by step

- Go to the Auditor's Office in person if possible. This gives you a chance to confirm everything before leaving.
- Say: "I would like to speak to the County Commissioners about Flock cameras, automated license-plate readers, and mass-surveillance policy. I would like to be placed on an upcoming agenda."
- Ask for the next TWO Commissioner meeting dates. Generally, Commissioner meetings have followed a first-and-third-Monday pattern, often at 7:00 p.m., but dates can change.
- Choose a meeting and ask to be placed on that specific agenda.
- Before leaving, write down: exact DATE, exact TIME, exact LOCATION, the agenda deadline, any speaking-time limit, and how your name/topic will appear on the agenda.
- Ask when the agenda will be posted and how to confirm that you are actually listed.
- Repeat the process for County Council. Council meetings have generally followed a second-and-fourth-Monday pattern, but the published 2026 schedule includes exceptions, so verify every date with the Auditor.
- Once the meeting is confirmed, organize around that ONE date: signs, social posts, calls, texts, business outreach, and personal invitations.

IMPORTANT: Indiana's Open Door Law generally gives the public the right to attend open meetings, but it does not guarantee unlimited speaking time at every ordinary meeting. Getting formally placed on the agenda is the strongest approach.

Harrison County specifically encourages public comment and directs people seeking agenda placement to the Auditor's Office.

4. Build a Coordinated Public Presence

The goal is not one angry meeting. The goal is sustained, informed public participation.

- Fill the room. People who are not speaking still matter.
- Have 4-8 prepared speakers cover different concerns.
- Be calm, factual, specific, and respectful. Make it easy for officials to understand exactly what residents want.
- Record the public meeting when appropriate, take notes, and track commitments and follow-up items.
- Return at later meetings. Ask what has changed since the previous discussion.

5. Divide the Message Among Speakers

Speaker 1 - Privacy & civil liberties: Why should the movements of ordinary people who are not suspected of a crime be collected or searchable? What limits protect innocent residents?

Speaker 2 - Data & cybersecurity: Who can access the system? How are searches logged? How long is data retained? What happens if credentials are misused or data is breached?

Speaker 3 - Data sharing: Which agencies, jurisdictions, networks, or private entities can receive or search Harrison County data? Who approves sharing?

Speaker 4 - Cost & contracts: What has the county spent? What are the recurring costs? What renewals, upgrades, or additional cameras are planned?

Speaker 5 - Oversight: Who independently audits searches and misuse? What happens when someone violates policy? Are audit results reported publicly?

Speaker 6 - Alternatives & limits: Can legitimate law-enforcement goals be met with narrower rules, shorter retention, restricted sharing, warrants/legal process where required, and meaningful elected oversight?

6. Give Officials a Specific Action to Take

A concrete request is harder to dismiss than simply saying “Flock is bad.” A starting request for discussion could be:

“Pause the purchase or installation of additional automated license-plate readers until Harrison County adopts a public surveillance-technology policy with clear safeguards and public oversight.”

Ask that any policy address:

- Data-retention limits and deletion rules
- Who may search the system and for what purposes
- Audit logs and regular independent review
- Sharing with outside agencies and networks
- Rules for hot lists, alerts, and investigative searches
- Misuse consequences and complaint procedures
- Cybersecurity and breach-response requirements
- Public reporting on use, searches, sharing, and effectiveness
- Public review before contract renewal or major expansion
- Clear roles for Commissioners and County Council before additional spending or expansion

7. Use Public Records to Build the Fact Base

Ask for records that show what Harrison County actually owns, pays for, permits, and shares. Keep requests focused and preserve the responses.

- Current Flock/ALPR contracts, amendments, invoices, and renewal dates
- Camera locations and the agency/entity responsible for each unit
- Written policies governing searches, retention, sharing, audits, hot lists, and misuse
- Agencies or networks with which data can be shared or searched
- Audit reports, access logs, misuse investigations, and training materials, subject to lawful exemptions
- Requests or proposals for additional cameras, funding, or contract expansion

8. Keep the Campaign Broad and Community-Focused

This effort can include conservatives, liberals, independents, business owners, privacy advocates, civil-liberties supporters, and residents who simply want government technology to have clear limits. Keep the message centered on local control, transparency, taxpayer accountability, due process, and privacy - not party labels.

Useful Contacts & Sources

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- Harrison County Auditor: 245 Atwood St. NE, Suite 211, Corydon, IN 47112 • (812) 738-8241
- Harrison County Plan Commission: Suite 215 • (812) 738-8927 (sign/zoning questions)
- County meeting information, agendas, and minutes:
<https://www.in.gov/counties/harrison/meeting-minutes/>
- Auditor's Office: <https://www.in.gov/counties/harrison/departments/auditor/>
- Harrison County Zoning Ordinance:
https://www.in.gov/counties/harrison/files/zoneord_32023.pdf
- Indiana public-meeting FAQ: <https://faqs.in.gov/hc/en-us/articles/115005053747-Can-a-governing-body-prevent-me-from-speaking-at-its-meeting>

This handout is an organizing guide, not legal advice. Verify current meeting procedures, sign placement, and any property-specific zoning questions with the appropriate county office.