

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
MAY 22, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 22nd day of May 2023, in the G.A.R. Room, at the Huntington County Courthouse, Huntington, Indiana, at 7:00 P.M. for considering all business brought before it pursuant to notice given to the Huntington Herald-Press on May 10, 2023.

Council Members Present: Kendall Mickley, Shane Bickel, Terry Miller, Keith Eller, Peyton Pike, John Stoeckley, and Brian Warpup.

PUBLIC HEARING - The Public Hearing was opened to allow public comment on the Ordinance Establishing Cumulative Courthouse Fund, which was publicized in the Huntington Herald-Press on May 10th and 17th, 2023. No one from the public requested to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council President Kendall Mickley called the meeting to order. Terry Miller gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the April 24, 2023 meeting. Keith Eller made a motion to approve the minutes. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Adoption of Ordinance 2023-05-22 - Ordinance Establishing Cumulative Courthouse Fund.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05-22. Terry Miller seconded. A Roll Call was taken: Brian Warpup - Yes; John Stoeckley - Yes; Keith Eller - Yes; Terry Miller - Yes; Kendall Mickley - Yes; Peyton Pike - Yes; Shane Bickel - Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Drug Court Coordinator Erin Wiley was not able to attend so Auditor Jill Landrum presented her request for Appropriations totaling \$7,600.00 for Fund #9677 - 2023 (Partial) Problem Solving Grant, as follows:

9677.32500.00000.0000 - Travel Expenses	\$	5,000.00
9677.22600.00000.0000 - Incentives	\$	1,000.00
9677.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies (Graduation Supplies)	\$	400.00
9677.21900.0000.0000 - Drug Testing Supplies	\$	1,200.00
TOTAL	\$	7,600.00

Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: On behalf of Sheriff Chris Newton who was unable to attend, Council Kendall Mickley requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,800.00 for the Jail's County General Fund budget line 1000.12650.0000.0380 - Certification Pay to pay IDAC Certification pay for the Matron and two Office Deputies. The certification pay for these positions was approved by Council on April 24, 2023, to be effective April 30, 2023.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Also on behalf of Sheriff Newton, President Mickley requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$5,000.00 from the Sheriff's County General budget line 1000.21402.00000.0005 - Garage/Motor Supplies to 1000.35120.00000.0005 - Vehicle Repair/Service.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- ITEM 6: Also on behalf of Sheriff Newton, President Mickley requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$570.00 from Fund 1233 - LIT Correctional Rehab Facility budget line 1233.21405.00000.0380 - Jail Operating Supplies to 1233.36200.00000.0380 - Service Contracts.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- ITEM 7: Commissioner President Rob Miller requested an Appropriation of \$98,713.04 for the Restricted Opioid Fund budget line 1237.38511.00000.0000 - Opioid Coalition.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

County Health Officer, Dr Matt Pflieger spoke in regards to the Opioid funding and how we are being transparent with this funding.

- ITEM 8: Commissioner Miller also requested an Appropriation of \$42,152.64 for the Unrestricted Opioid Fund budget line 1238.38511.00000.0000 - Opioid Coalition.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- ITEM 9: Commissioner Miller also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$300,000.00 for the LIT Economic Development Fund budget line 1112.35400.00000.0000 - Project 4 - Discretionary.

Commissioner Miller advised Council that this additional appropriation would be used to purchase the former Jones Abstract building on Warren Street. He also mentioned that minimal improvements of paint and carpet might be needed in the facility. He further stated that the intentions are to move the DCD and Surveyors' offices there in order to free up space in the Courthouse.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-1 with Kendall Mickley voting against.

- ITEM 10: Discussion of proposed changes to the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance:

Auditor Jill Landrum's request to change the part-time Counter Deputy (11120) position in her office to a full-time Deputy Auditor (11225) was approved by Council at the April meeting; however, the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance was not amended. Therefore, a change is needed to amend the Ordinance to reflect a Max Pay Rate of \$20.21 per hour, with a designation of Non-Exempt.

There was discussion to add Budget Account Code 1176.11160.00000.0531 - Laborers (Non-Exempt) at a Max Pay Rate of \$15.59/hr., effective May 1, 2023, for the Highway Department. This is due to the position/budget line being inadvertently removed when Seasonal Driver's were added.

There was discussion of changing the Recorder's part-time Clerical Assistant (11120) to a full-time Deputy Recorder (11225) with a Max Pay Rate of \$19.03/hour. The new full-time position would be Non-Exempt and the wages & benefits would be funded with the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund.

- ITEM 11: Keith Eller made a motion to open the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
- ITEM 12: Shane Bickel made a motion to amend the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance to reflect the Auditor's part-time Counter Deputy (11120) changing to a full-time Deputy Auditor (11225), Non-Exempt position, with a Max Pay Rate of \$20.21 per hour. Peyton Pike seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.
- ITEM 13: Peyton Pike made a motion to re-add the Highway's Laborers position (1176.11160.00000.0531) to the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance with a Max Pay Rate of \$15.59/hr, effective May 1, 2023. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.
- ITEM 14: Keith Eller made a motion to amend the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance to reflect the Recorder's part-time Clerical Assistant (11120) changing to a full-time Deputy Recorder (11225) with a Max Pay Rate of \$19.03/hour. Also the position would be Non-Exempt and wages would be paid from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund 1189. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
- ITEM 15: Peyton Pike made a motion to close the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
- ITEM 16: Auditor Jill Landrum requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$18,000.00 from the department's County General Fund budget line 1000.11120.00000.0002 - Part-time to 1000.11225.00000.0002 - Deputy.
- Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the transfer. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
- ITEM 17: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$175,000.00 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund budget line 1135.27500.00000.0000 - Materials to 1135.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.
- Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
- ITEM 18: EMA Director Robert Jeffers requested an Appropriation of \$20,304.00 for the FFY 2021 BRIC - Mitigation Grant budget line 8360.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts. Bob also introduced his new employee Thomas Fuller.
- Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
- Bob also introduced volunteer Steven Jeffers who was in attendance at the Council meeting.
- ITEM 19: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:
- Auditor Jill Landrum indicated that recent legislation is changing the deadline for LIT changes to August 1, 2023.
- Council member Terry Miller also mentioned that there is potential for a new Judicial LIT. He also mentioned that the state will be restricting our growth quotient.

ITEM 20: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTION COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - The committee met April 26, and they went over the Grant application.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike reported that the gate at West Park Drive was fixed, but then some digging across the road caused a sensor to break.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley reported that there would be a meeting on June 15th.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - There is a meeting scheduled in June with the Clerk.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel reported there was a meeting to review the Comprehensive Plan, and that there was a graduation for Drug Court. He also mentioned that Place of Grace would be opening 2 new homes.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller reported that there would be a meeting on Friday May 26th at the Clubhouse on Goshen Road.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller - No meeting

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller stated that the Plan Commission meeting was canceled.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Pike - No meeting

HCUED - Kendall Mickley - No meeting

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller - No meeting

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - No meeting

WHARMM - Peyton Pike - No meeting

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller - No meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton reported that at the meeting they discussed how the EMS was busier this year than last, but still operating at a loss.


HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley reported that not much is going on right now with HCPSD. The State meeting will be held at the O'Donnell Center.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - No official meeting has been held; however, Jill reported that the Audit Exit Conference was held earlier in the day and it went well. The official Audit report will be released by the State Board of Accounts on or before July 6th.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley reported that the Norwood's property has been sold.

ITEM 21: Peyton Pike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

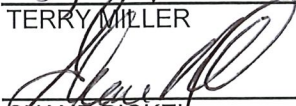
ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE 2023:




KENDALL MICKLEY



TERRY MILLER



SHANE BICKEL



PEYTON PIKE



KEITH ELLER

Absent 6-26-23

JOHN STOECKLEY



BRIAN WARPUP

ATTEST:



JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

