

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
MARCH 25, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 25th day of March 2024 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 March 14, 2024.

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

Council Vice President Terry Miller called the meeting to order. Keith Eller gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Vice President Terry Miller asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the February 26, 2024 meeting. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood presented a request for an Additional Appropriation for the Health Department's Local Health Maintenance Fund 1168 totaling \$63,700.00, for the following budget lines:

1168.21408.00000.0000 - Clinic Supplies	\$	12,000.00
1168.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies	\$	15,000.00
1168.31100.00000.0000 - Contract Professionals	\$	5,500.00
1168.32000.00000.0000 - Advertising	\$	1,500.00
1168.45400.00000.0000 - Furniture	\$	29,700.00
TOTAL:	\$	63,700.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3: Brian also presented a request for Additional Appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the General Health Fund 1159 budget line 1159.31110.00000.0610 - Non-Contract Professionals, for Helmer refrigeration equipment service.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 4: Brian also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$630.00 from the Health First Indiana Fund 1161 budget line 1161.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts to 1161.11335.00000.00000 Health Officer.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 5: Brian also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$6,000.00 from the Health Department's Lead & Tobacco Fund 8904 budget line 8904.24500.00000.9661 Operating Supplies to 8904.31100.00000.9661 Contract Professionals.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approved the Transfer of Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 6: Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request for an Additional Appropriation of \$255,882.00 for the LIT Correctional Rehab Facility Fund budget line 1233.33515.00000.0380 Hospital Medical. The required advertising for this Additional Appropriation was overlooked in February, so it must be brought back to Council for approval in March.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 7: Matron Tina Stevens presented a request for a Transfer of Appropriation of \$861.11 from the Sheriff Department's General Fund budget line 1000.21402.00000.0005 Garage/Motor Supplies to 1000.35120.00000.0005 Vehicle- Repair/Service.

Peyton Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 8: IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson discussed an audio upgrade for the GAR Room and Courthouse Video Recording System.

There was a consensus for Joakim to move forward with the purchase of the necessary audio equipment and to hire Young Electric to do the required electrical work.

ITEM 9: Facility Manager Phil Hibbert requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$600.00 from the O'Donnell Center's General Fund budget line 1000.21100.00000.9620 Office Supplies to 1000.45400.00000.9620 Furniture, to cover the cost of a new chair for the maintenance worker.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 10: Council Vice President Terry Miller presented a request on behalf of the Highway Department Superintendent Troy Hostetler for an Additional Appropriation of \$125,000.00 for the Cumulative Bridge Fund budget line 1135.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 11: Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request for an Additional Appropriation on behalf of Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler who was unable to attend. The Additional Appropriation totaling \$6,011.92 was for the Community Corrections - (IDOC) Grant Fund 9317, for the following budget lines:

9317.11000.00000.9611 - Director	\$	1,356.28
9317.11005.00000.9611 - Asst. Director	\$	1,115.39
9317.11108.00000.9611 - Field Officer	\$	807.38
9317.11111.00000.9611 - Coordinator	\$	826.88
9317.11515.00000.9611 - Financial Data Analyst	\$	865.12
9317.13020.00000.9611 - Office Manager	\$	730.50
9317.32300.00000.9611 - Telephone	\$	260.59
9317.32500.00000.9611 - Travel Expenses	\$	49.78
TOTAL:	\$	6,011.92

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 12: Auditor Landrum also presented a request on behalf of Community Corrections - IDOC Grant Fund 9317 (Work Release) for an Additional Appropriation of \$25,618.88 for the following budget lines:

9317.11111.00000.9631 - Coordinator	\$	826.88
9317.11174-00000.9631 - Residential Supervisor	\$	1,057.65
9317.11239.00000.9631 - Transition Team Manager	\$	1,470.88
9317.21100.00000.9631 - Office Supplies	\$	454.00
9317.21500.00000.9631 - Supplies	\$	16,724.40
9317.21402.00000.9631 - Cleaning Supplies	\$	3,160.26
9317.21900.00000.9631 - Drug Test Supplies	\$	1,400.00
9317.36200.00000.9631 - Service Contracts	\$	310.00
9317.31000.00000.9631 - Printing	\$	214.81
TOTAL:	\$	25,618.88

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 13: Council acknowledged that they received the 2023 TIF Management report sent via e-mail by Auditor Jill Landrum on March 21, 2024.

ITEM 14: Commissioner President Tom Wall presented the TIF Management Report prepared by Baker Tilly to Council.

ITEM 15: Commissioner Wall & HR Director Stefanie Barrioz presented a request to transfer \$13,641.35 from the ARPA Fund budget line 8950.11176.00000.0000 Living Unit Coordinator to 8950.11120.00000.0000 Part-time for Community Corrections.

Peyton Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 16: They also presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation in the ARPA Fund 8950, as follows:

FROM: 8950.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts	\$	129,916.26
TO: 8950.21420.00000.0000 Cleaning Supplies	\$	1,000.00
8950.21512.00000.0000 PPE	\$	2,299.08
8950.21515.00000.0000 Medical Supplies	\$	6,617.18
8950.44110.00000.0000 Misc. Equipment	\$	120,000.00

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfers. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 17: Discussion of changes for the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance

Prosecutor's Department

Acct 11550 - Office Administrator - increase total max pay from \$45,671.75 to \$54,249.00 (\$13,562 to be paid from 1000-0009 & \$34,255 to be paid from 1000-0660 & \$6,432 to be paid from 8897.50002.00000.0000);

Acct 11700 - Investigator - increase max pay from \$26.42 per hour to \$29.00 per hour (to be paid from 1000-0009);

Acct 12210 - Legal Asst #1 - (max pay of \$19.60 per hour) replaced by new position of Acct 12209 - LEAD LEGAL with a max pay of \$25.84 per hour (to be paid from 1000-0009);

Acct 12211 - Legal Asst #2 - increase max pay from \$19.60 per hour to \$23.38 per hour (to be paid from 1000-0009);

Acct 11500 - Program/Legal Asst. - increase max pay from \$19.60 per hour to \$23.38 per hour (to be paid from 1000-0009);

Acct 11241 (1000-0009) & Acct 11244 (1000-0660) - Receptionist/Caseworker - increase total max pay from \$20.26 per hour to \$23.38 per hour (\$0.70/hr to be paid from 1000.11241.00000.00009 & \$19.46/hr to be paid from 1000.11244.00000.0660 & \$3.04/hr to be paid from 8897.50002.00000.0000);

Acct 11241 - Caseworker - increase max pay from \$20.26 per hour to \$23.38 per hour (\$20.26/hr to be paid from 1000-0660 & \$3.12/hr to be paid from 8897.50002.00000.0000);

Acct 11242 - Caseworker - (max pay of \$20.26 per hour) replaced by new position of Acct 11246 - LEAD CASEWORKER with a max pay of \$25.84 per hour (\$20.26/hr to be paid from 1000-0660 & \$5.58/hr to be paid from 8897.50002.00000.0000);

Acct 11243 - Caseworker - increase max pay from \$20.26 per hour to \$23.38 per hour (\$20.26/hr to be paid from 1000-0660 & \$3.12/hr to be paid from 8897.50002.00000.0000); and

Acct 11245 - Caseworker - increase max pay from \$20.26 per hour to \$23.38 per hour (\$20.26/hr to be paid from 1000-0660 & \$3.12/hr to be paid from 8897.50002.00000.0000).

Community Corrections

Longevity of \$500 to be paid from 8660.11900.00000.0000 instead of 9673.11900.00000.0000, as previously approved; and

Longevity of \$1,900 to be paid from 1122.11900.00000.9612 instead of 8760.11900.00000.0000, as previously approved.

ITEM 18: Keith Eller made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 19: Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the corrections/updates for Community Corrections in the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 20: Keith Eller made a motion to approve the wage increases for the Prosecutor's staff as presented, effective 03/31/24; and to amend the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance accordingly. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 21: Peyton Miller made a motion to close the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 22: Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request on behalf of Prosecutor Jeremy Nix for Transfers of Appropriation in the department's General Fund budget lines, as follows:

FROM:	1000.11233.00000.0009 - Deputy Prosecutor	\$	26,336.00
TO:	1000.11241.00000.0009 Caseworker	\$	123.00
	1000.11500.00000.0009 Administrator	\$	5,670.00
	1000.11550.00000.0009 Office Admin	\$	1,649.00
	1000.11700.00000.0009 Investigator	\$	3,864.00
	1000.12209.00000.0009 Lead Legal	\$	9,360.00
	1000.12211.00000.0009 Legal Assistant - #2	\$	5,670.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfers. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 23: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Council VP Terry Miller brought up discussion of the potential of helping to fund another Student Resource Office (SRO) for the schools. We are currently sharing the expenses of one SRO officer with the school corporation. If the County and the City are each able to financially support the addition of another SRO in 2025, this would bring the total to five (5) SROs. This will be discussed further during the 2025 budget season.

Auditor Landrum discussed the revision needed for the term of appointee Brian Sabanski on the Norwood Water Sewer District Board. Shane Bickel made a motion to re-appoint Brian Sabanski to the Norwood Water Sewer District Board for the revised three-year term of 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2026. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 24: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Grant requests were presented to the Commissioners earlier in the day, by Director Leslie Rentschler.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller reported that they are having a lot of trouble with people dumping trash in the recycling containers on West Park Drive, and they may have to hire someone to supervise the site. Commissioner Wall also commented that they could also close the site and make people take their recyclables to the Solid Waste site near the old dump. Also, people are not to put plastic bags in the recycling.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley reported that they had a group from Indy visit their meeting that discussed attracting people to the small towns that can work from home. He also reported that the City wants us to team up with them. Commissioner Wall announced that Region 3A helped us get a \$750,000 grant for Place of Grace, and they will possibly be helping us to submit for a Stellar Grant.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - Meeting coming in April.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel reported that they had a meeting to finish the State paperwork which is due on April 1, 2024.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller reported that the next meeting will be held on April 5th at Fusion Chemical on Joe Street.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller - Nothing to report.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller announced that there will be an important meeting coming up in April.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Miller reported that there was no meeting.

HCUED - Kendall Mickley was absent.

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller - Nothing to report.

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - Nothing to report.

WHARMM - Peyton Miller - Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller reported that we are at 85% for the year.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Miller - No meeting.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley was absent.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - Jill reported that in light on the recent situation with the School Corporation, Kendall and her will be setting up a meeting to discuss our current Internal Controls, which are also reviewed by the State Board of Accounts when they do our County Audit each year.

- * On a side note, Council member Keith Eller inquired about the progress with the timekeeping system. Auditor Landrum reported that the timekeeping system is progressing. Most departments are set up in the system, but the Auditor's office and HR Director Stefanie Barrioz are working with the departments to make sure that it is being used properly. Council member John Stoeckley inquired whether there are policies in place to handle employees that are not willingly participating. Auditor Landrum indicated that there would need to be some revisions made to the County Employee Handbooks to update the timekeeping process and rules.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - No meeting.

ITEM 25: Adjournment - Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL 2024:

Absent on 03/25/24

KENDALL MICKLEY

Terry Miller

TERRY MILLER

Shane Bickel

SHANE BICKEL

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PEYTON MILLER

ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

Keith Eller
KEITH ELLER

Absent 04/22/24
JOHN STOECKLEY

Absent on 03/25/24
BRIAN WARPUP

