

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA  
DECEMBER 12, 2022 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 12th day of December 2022, 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 November 30, 2022.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – The Public Hearing was opened to allow public comment on Application for Determination of Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and Declaratory (Preliminary) Resolution; and Proposed Adoption of Confirmatory (Final) Resolution, which was publicized in the Huntington Herald-Press on November 30, 2022.

Mark Wickersham, the Executive Director of the Huntington County Economic Development Corporation, spoke on behalf of the agency in support of the project to request Council's adoption of the Confirmatory (Final) Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area associated with Paddlefish Solar. The proposed project for real property would generate approximately \$177,000/year. This would be an increase from the previous tax revenue of \$12,500/year.

Becky Bechtold with the Indiana Land & Liberty Coalition spoke on behalf of the group in support of this project.

The public hearing was closed.

The business meeting was called to order by President Kendall Mickley. Terry Miller gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the November 28, 2022 minutes. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson appeared before Council to provide information on the Communications Coordinator position that would be shared with the City. This position would be responsible for keeping the websites up-to-date with county information obtained from each department, and traveling around the County if there is an event to take photos. Joakim stated that the County's share of this expense would be approximately \$40,000/year for salary and benefits, but it was not included in the 2023 budget. If Council was agreeable to sharing the position, Joakim indicated that he would return to Council in January to request an Additional Appropriation to cover the expenses. A roll call was taken for consensus. Terry Miller – Yes; John Stoeckley – Yes; Keith Eller – Yes; Kittie Keiffer – Yes; Kendall Mickley – Yes; Peyton Pike – Yes; and Shane Bickel – Yes.

ITEM 3: John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Final (Confirmatory) Resolution 2022-12-12 – for the Creation of an Economic Revitalization Area and the Granting of Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement for Paddlefish Solar LLC. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Mark Wickersham provided a summary of the process that was involved with Paddlefish Solar LLC and Maple Solar, LLC. He stated that the Tax Abatement Advisory Committee met on November

23, 2022, to consider recommendations to Council regarding SB-1's for personal property for the two projects. The committee made a favorable recommendation to Council on November 28, at which time Council gave preliminary approval to the projects.

Mark further commented that the two companies would potentially be investing a combined \$92.5 million in Huntington County, and in the process would each be subject to an Economic Development Agreement. Furthermore, over the life of the program, combined they would create an estimated \$3.1 million in property taxes to the County.

John Stoeckley stated that Council needed to approve the SB-1, subject to the EDA which was approved by the Commissioners. Also, Council would need to give Kendall the authority to sign the EDA for Paddlefish Solar on behalf of County Council.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the EDA for Paddlefish Solar, and have Kendall sign on behalf of Council. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the SB-1 filed by Paddlefish Solar for the \$35 million personal property tax abatement. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner President Rob Miller discussed the Economic Development payments for the projects. There will be a minimum of \$2.4 million with the possibility of up to \$3 million in Economic Development payments. The payments for Paddlefish Solar are not going to start until 2025, and will accelerate up to 2030 paying \$1.4 million on the 50-megawatt project by 2030. If the project grows to 75 megawatts, it would be \$2.1 million in payments.

Maple Solar payments will start with a partial payment in 2023 with permits, and another \$50,000 for completion in 2024, and then \$100,000 afterward each year with a total of \$1 million to the County over the life of the agreement.

Commissioner Miller also stated that the Economic Development payments could be used on what the County deems necessary, as there are not many restrictions on it.

Mark Wickersham further stated that Maple Solar is operating on the Countywide ERA so no public hearing was necessary. The SB-1 is subject to the ERA agreement that was approved by the Commissioners earlier in the day. It involves a 10-year, full abatement with \$45 million of investments.

Kittie Keiffer motioned to approve the SB-1 for Maple Solar, LLC. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: LACE Director Jan Williams provided the annual recommendations for awards of LACE money totaling \$54,822.72. These funds are accessed by Superior Court for drug and alcohol fees, and then divided evenly between Administrative, Law Enforcement, Prevention, and Treatment, and ended up being \$13,705.68 for each category.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the request for distributions. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Discussion of changes to the 2023 Wage and Salary Ordinance: Jill Landrum provided the information to add the Wages/Salaries for Community Corrections staffing that were not available at the time of the original adoption of the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance.

(Shane Bickel left the room.)

ITEM 7: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to open the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

(Shane re-entered the meeting.)

ITEM 8: Terry Miller made a motion to approve the addition of Community Corrections positions to the 2023 Wage and Salary Ordinance. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: Removed from agenda to do in January 2023.

ITEM 10: Peyton Pike made a motion to close the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 11: Financial Data Analyst Seth Kissinger from Community Corrections requested a transfer of \$1,000.00 from the PI Community Corrections Fund budget line 1122.21420.00000.9610 Cleaning Supplies to 1122.21100.00000.9610 Office Supplies.

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

ITEM 12: Seth also requested transfers from the Community Corrections Grant (Even Year) as follows:

From: 9316.11336.00000.9610 Surveillance Officer	\$1,885.75
To: 9316.11108.00000.9610 Field Officer	\$296.19
9316.11111.00000.9610 Coordinator	\$702.88
9316.11515.00000.9610 Financial Data Analyst	\$764.13
9316.13020.00000.9610 Office Manager	<u>\$122.55</u>
	\$1,885.75

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

ITEM 13: Seth also requested the following transfers for the SIM Grant 8658:

From: 8658.11238.00000.0000 Pretrial Transition Life Coach	\$24,128.00
8658.12100.00000.0000 Social Security	\$1,292.52
8658.32500.00000.0000 Travel Expenses	<u>\$2,307.48</u>
	\$27,728.00
To: 8658.21100.00000.0000 Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
8658.11116.00000.0000 Pretrial Assistant Coordinator	<u>\$26,728.00</u>
	\$27,728.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfers. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested the following transfers for the MVH Fund 1176:

From:	1176.12300.00000.0533 Group Insurance	\$35,000.00
	1176.23100.00000.0533 Tires	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
		\$55,000.00
To:	1176.22100.00000.0533 Unleaded Fuel	\$35,000.00
	1176.22101.00000.0533 Diesel Fuel	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
		\$55,000.00

Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the transfers. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 15: Commissioner President Rob Miller requested a transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Commissioner's County General budget line 1000.36200.00000.0068 Service Contracts to 1000.12900.00000.0068 HR Director. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 16: Commissioner Miller also requested the following transfers totaling \$675,400.00 for the ARPA Fund 8950:

From:	8950.11120.00000.0000 Part Time	\$16,688.50
	8950.11176.00000.0000 Living Unit Coordinator	\$46,556.88
	8950.11239.00000.0000 Transitional Team Manager	\$6,345.64
	8950.11518.00000.0000 Public Health Administrator	\$6,483.09
	8950.12300.00000.0000 Group Insurance	\$407,000.00
	8950.12550.00000.0000 Hazard Pay	\$48,500.00
	8950.21420.00000.0000 Cleaning Supplies	\$27,336.89
	8950.21512.00000.0000 PPE	\$14,177.04
	8950.21515.00000.0000 Medical Supplies	\$16,176.96
	8950.38515.00000.0000 Non-Profit Grants	<u>\$86,135.00</u>
		\$675,400.00
To:	8950.11900.00000.0000 Longevity	\$400.00
	8950.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts	<u>\$675,000.00</u>
		\$675,400.00

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

ITEM 17: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested a transfer of \$250.00 from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant budget line 8118.24500.00000.0000 Operating Supplies to 8118.32500.00000.0000 Travel Expenses. John Stockley made a motion to approve the transfer. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 18: Incoming County Assessor Jill Zorger appeared before Council to discuss her need to be allowed to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> employee vacancy in her office. John Stockley made a motion to allow Jill to fill both vacant positions with the intentions to re-evaluate in six months whether the 2<sup>nd</sup> employee is still needed. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 4-2-1. Terry Miller, and Keith Eller voted against and Kendall Mickley Abstained.

ITEM 19: Council President Kendall Mickley spoke on behalf of Superior Court Judge Jenny Newton to request a transfer of \$2,400.00 from the Superior Court budget line 1000.11400.00000.0201 Clerical to 1000.31501.00000.0201 Psychiatric & Physicians. Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the transfer. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 20: President Mickley also spoke on behalf of Sheriff Chris Newton to request the following transfers for the Jail's County General budget:

From: 1000.11203.00000.0380 Jailers	\$12,200.00
To: 1000.12000.00000.0380 Overtime	\$4,200.00
1000.12600.00000.0380 Holiday Pay	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
	\$12,200.00

From: 1000.11203.00000.0380 Jailers	\$3,500.00
To: 1000.22300.00000.0380 Uniforms and Clothing	\$3,500.00

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfers. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

President Mickley also requested the following transfers in the Sheriff's County General budget:

From: 1000.36101.00000.0005 Repair/Maint.	\$477.13
1000.44100.00000.0005 Equipment	<u>\$2,678.06</u>
	\$3,155.19
To: 1000.23100.00000.0005 Tires	\$3,155.19

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfers. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 21: President Mickley spoke on behalf of Circuit Court Judge Davin Smith to request the following transfers:

From: 1000.45100.00000.0232 Office Equipment	\$40.00
1000.39400.00000.0232 Lodging of Meals of Jurors	\$724.50
1000.21404.00000.0232 Jury Supplies	\$100.00
1000.31501.00000.0232 Psychiatric & Physicians	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
	\$2,264.50

To: 1000.39500.00000.0232 Subscriptions and Dues	\$40.00
1000.39100.00000.0232 Transcripts	\$724.50
1000.12000.00000.0232 Overtime	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$2,264.50

From: 1000.21100.00000.0232 Office Supplies	\$1,102.60
1000.45100.00000.0232 Office Equipment	\$710.00
1000.21404.00000.0232 Jury Supplies	\$22.87
1000.39400.00000.0232 Lodging & Meals of Jurors	\$20.88
1000.31800.00000.0232 Interpreter	\$1,000.00
1000.32500.00000.0232 Travel Expense	\$1,824.09

1000.33015.00000.0232 Jurors \$479.79  
\$5,160.23

To: 1000.32900.00000.0232 Witness Fees \$5,160.23

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Circuit Court transfers. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 22: Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Blanket Transfers for the Auditors Office Only to keep accounts out of the red for 2022. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

#### ITEM 23: NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Jill Landrum advised Council that she sent out the 1782 Notices for the Budgets to council members. Since there were no questions, she indicated that she would sign and submit it back to DLGF.

Jill Landrum mentioned to Council that Alex Fritz from Community Corrections was available to discuss the Holiday Pay for Community Corrections.

Stefanie Barrioz addressed Council to explain that the Holiday Pay for Community Corrections was discussed at Job Class and for the sake of transparency they wanted to share the information with Council. With this being a newer department, they created a little bit different holiday plan than what the Sheriff's Department and Dispatch use. Stefanie mentioned that Community Corrections is 24/7 and they don't have extra staffing to cover those days off.

Community Corrections Residential Supervisor Alex Fritz explained to Council that with the new plan the full time Living Unit Coordinators and Transition Team Managers would receive 8 hours of paid time off for all the holidays that the County approved. If the employees in those positions were scheduled to work on the county holidays, then they would receive time and a half pay for their hours worked. Also, any Part-time employees that worked those days would also earn time and a half, to help get coverage for those days.

#### ITEM 24: Council's Committee Reports:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE –Kittie Keiffer – Provided the stats for Community Corrections. Bond releases are at 122 and there are 5 people on Home Detention. The report stated that on 12/21/2022 they received their first residence scheduled. There were 224 referrals to-date made for mental or substance abuse use needs. There are 451 to-date promise to appear and intakes have been processed by the staff. Total number of screens in drug testing from Jan 2022 to Dec 2022 is 1159 people. Total number of positive screens in the same time frame was 135.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike reported that there are still a lot of little recycling bins to get rid of. Scott Husband was asked to bring some to the Courthouse to distribute.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – John Stoeckley –No Report

#### JOB CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller – Updates were provided during the Council business meeting.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM – Shane Bickel – No Report

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT – Terry Miller – Annual Meeting discussion about the Business Bureau. Mark Wickersham advised Council that were 13 Client Projects during 2022 who have now invested \$234 Million in their commitment to Huntington County.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Keith Eller – Nothing to report

PLAN COMMISSION – Terry Miller – Nothing to report.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY – Peyton Pike – Nothing to report.

HCUED – Kendall Mickley – Nothing to report.

ABCD – Keith Eller commented that the 2022 recipient would be announced during the Christmas Lunch on December 21, 2022.

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW – John Stoeckley – Thanks for the cooperation of Paddlefish and Maple Solar

WHARMM – Peyton Pike – Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER’S HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Keith Eller – Nothing to report

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL – Peyton Pike – Nothing to report

HCPSD COMMITTEE – Kendall Mickley – Nothing to report

INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer – Nothing to report

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Terry Miller & John Stoeckley – Nothing to report

Kendall thanked Kittie Keiffer for her 4 years of service on County Council and 8 years as Clerk.

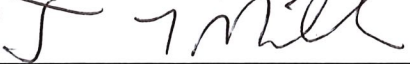
ITEM 25: ADJOURNMENT – Kittie Keiffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2023:

  
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KENDALLE MICKLEY

  
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SHANE BICKEL

  
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KEITH ELLER

  
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TERRY MILLER

ATTEST:   
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JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

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TERM OF OFFICE ENDED 12/31/2022  
KITTIE KEIFFER

  
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PEYTON PIKE

*absent*  
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JOHN STOECKLEY