

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
OCTOBER 17, 2022 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 17th day of October 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 October 05, 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 discussion of Ordinance 2022-10-17A, an Ordinance Modifying Local Income Tax Rates Imposed in Huntington Indiana. President Kendall Mickley invited comments from the public; however, there were no comments made. The Public Hearing was closed.

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

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the August 15, 2022 Business Meeting minutes and the August 15th and 16th Budget Hearing meeting minutes. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the minutes. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: President Mickley requested a vote on Ordinance # 2022-10-17A Modifying Local Income Tax Rates, effective January 1, 2023. He explained the first matter needed was a motion to waive the 2nd reading of the Ordinance. By waiving the 2nd reading, a unanimous vote of the Ordinance was required. Keith Eller made the motion, and John Stoeckley seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

The proposed Ordinance included a reduction of the Allocation Rate for Certified Shares from 1.16% to 1.12%; an increase of the Allocation Rate for Public Safety from 0.34% to 0.35%; and the addition of an Emergency Medical Services Rate of 0.03%. The Total Expenditure rate of 1.95% remained unchanged.

President Mickley opened the floor for any questions, and Council member Terry Miller stated that he would like to comment on the situation. He further stated his disappointment with the process, as he had heard from other government entities, including a couple townships, two towns, and a city councilman that they were disappointed in how the changes would affect their unit. Some of the units were planning on LIT (Local Income Tax) revenues when budgeting for 2023. Councilman Miller suggested that in the future there should be a different path to get to this point earlier in the budget process. Shane Bickel made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2022-10-17A. Peyton Pike seconded and a roll call was taken. Terry Miller - Yes; John Stoeckley – Yes; Keith Eller – Yes; Kittie Keiffer – Yes; Kendall Mickley – Yes; Peyton Pike – Yes; Shane Bickel – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Resolution 2022-10-17B COMMITMENT NOT TO SPEND – GENERAL FUND for the 2022 Budget Year, in the amount of \$118,786.00 was presented for adoption. Keith Eller made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: The 2023 Solid Waste Budget totaling \$407,786.00 was presented for adoption as Resolution #2022-10-17C. Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the Budget Resolution. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Auditor Jill Landrum presented Resolution 2022-10-17D for the 2023 Huntington County Budget. The 2023 General Fund Budget totaled \$16,121,824.00 and the budgets for Special Funds totaled \$13,858,750.00, for a total of \$29,980,574.00. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to adopt the 2023 Huntington County Budget. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Council President Kendall Mickley presented two requests for Transfers of Appropriation, on behalf of Weights & Measurers Director Jim Michel, as follows:

FROM:	1000.44100.00000.0308 Equipment	\$75.00
TO:	1000.39500.00000.0308 Subscriptions & Dues	\$75.00
FROM:	1000.44100.00000.0308 Equipment	\$54.00
TO:	1000.24500.00000.0308 Operating Supplies	\$54.00

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

ITEM 7: Surveyor Jay Poe requested to transfer \$201.00 from the Surveyor's budget line 1000.36100.00000.0006 Repair Not Comp-Related to 1000.36200.00000.0006 Service Contracts. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the transfer. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: CCIS Director Joakim Abrahamsson requested the following transfers for the department's County General budget:

FROM:	1000.32300.00000.0106 Telephone	\$5,000.00
TO:	1000.32301.00000.0106 Cell Phones	\$5,000.00
FROM:	1000.44350.00000.0106 Camera Equipment	\$5,000.00
TO:	1000.32301.00000.0106 Cell Phones	\$5,000.00
FROM:	1000.45600.00000.0106 Vehicles	\$800.00
TO:	1000.22100.00000.0106 Fuel	\$800.00

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

ITEM 9: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested a transfer of \$2,500.00 for the Health Department from budget line 1159.11120.00000.0610 - Part Time to 1159.11036.00000.0610 Medical Assistant. Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Brian also requested a transfer in the United Way Grant Fund 4920 as follows:

FROM:	4920.21490.00000.0000 Volunteer Services	\$593.21
	4920.21500.00000.0000 Supplies	\$3,711.80
TO:	4920.44110.00000.0000 Equipment	\$4,305.01

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

Brian requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$14,608.45 in the ELC (Enhancing Detection Grant) Fund from budget line 8907.21528.00000.0000 COVID 19 Vaccine Expenses to 8907.44110.00000.0000 Equipment. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Brian also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$2,000.00 in the Indiana Local Health Department Trust Fund from budget line 9123.31200.00000.0000 - Rent & Utilities to 9123.35120.00000.0000 Vehicle Repair & Service. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Brian requested a Budget Appropriation for Grant Fund 8118 Public Health Emergency Preparedness, as follows:

8118.11111.00000.0000	Coordinator	\$15,600.00
8118.12100.00000.0000	Social Security	\$1,194.00
8118.24500.00000.0000	Operating Supplies	\$5,296.00
8118.32500.00000.0000	Travel Expense	\$150.00
8118.36000.00000.0000	Rent	\$2,760.00

Total Appropriation: \$25,000.00

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Budget Appropriation. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

County Health Officer Matt Pflieger requested a Budget Appropriation for Fund 8904 Tobacco & Lead as follows:

TOBACCO CESSATION (Location 9661)

8904.31100.00000.9661	Contract Professional	\$51,652.90
8904.32000.00000.9661	Advertising	\$10,000.00
8904.32500.00000.9661	Travel Expenses	\$4,816.00
8904.32400.00000.9661	Conference	\$1,200.00
8904.32300.00000.9661	Telephone	\$1,500.00
8904.24500.00000.9661	Operating Supplies	\$31,237.10

LEAD ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION (Location 9662)

8904.31100.00000.9662	Contract Professional	\$11,209.36
8904.24500.00000.9662	Operating Supplies	\$1,276.84
8904.32500.00000.9662	Travel Expenses	\$1,260.00
8904.44110.00000.9662	Misc. Equip	\$6,515.11

LEAD CASE MANAGEMENT (Location 9663)

8904.24500.00000.9663	Operating Supplies	\$9,241.92
8904.44110.00000.9663	Misc. Equip	\$7,116.32
8904.32500.00000.9663	Travel Expenses	\$466.80
8904.31100.00000.9663	Contract Professional	\$10,217.93

TOTAL APPROPRIATION: \$147,710.28

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

ITEM 10: Sarah Brunner appeared on behalf of the DCD Director Kim Hostetler to request a transfer of \$650.00 from the General Fund budget line 1000.31100.00000.0079 Contract Professional to 1000.22100.000.0079 Fuel.

Sarah also requested a transfer of \$235.00 from 1000.32400.00000.0079 Reg/Conference Fees to 1000.32500.00000.0079 Travel Expenses. Terry Miller made a motion to approve both DCD transfers. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 11: Circuit Court Judge Davin Smith requested the following transfers for the General Fund budget:

FROM:	1000.12000.00000.0232	Overtime	\$4,000.00
	1000.21100.00000.0232	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
	1000.39100.00000.0232	Transcripts	\$4,000.00
	1000.45500.00000.0232	Law Books	\$1,000.00
TO:	1000.31105.00000.0232	Atty- Gal Chins	\$11,000.00

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

ITEM 12: Veterans Service Officer Tim Eckert requested the following transfers in the General Fund budget:

FROM:	1000.31300.00000.0012	Educ/Training	\$800.00
	1000.32100.00000.0012	Postage	\$500.00
	1000.32500.00000.0012	Travel Expense	\$161.91
	1000.33600.00000.0012	Mileage	\$300.00
	1000.36200.00000.0012	Service Contracts	\$400.00
TO:	1000.24500.00000.0012	Operating Supplies	\$2,161.91

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

ITEM 13: Commissioner Rob Miller appeared of behalf of Dispatch Director Tim Allen to request an Additional Appropriation of \$72,000.00 for the E911 Fund 1222, for the following budget lines:

1222.36200.00000.0000	Service Contracts	\$17,000.00
1222.44100.00000.0000	Equipment	\$55,000.00.

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

ITEM 14: Commissioner President Rob Miller requested a transfer of \$23,499.00 in the CEDIT Fund 1112 from budget line 1112.35301.00000.0000 Project 3 CEDIT Advisory to 1112.35110.00000.0000 Project 1 HCUED. Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Miller also requested a transfer of \$1,500.00 from the Commissioner's General Fund budget line 1000.33600.00000.0068 Mileage Reimbursement to 1000.32500.00000.0068 Travel Expense.

He also requested a transfer of \$500.00 from budget line 1000.36200.00000.0068 Service Contracts to 1000.32800.00000.0068 Meals. Terry Miller made a motion to approve both transfers. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 15: Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested a transfer of \$1,569.65 from the 2022 Pretrial Grant Fund budget line 9671.12300.00000.0000 Group Insurance to 9671.12100.00000.0000 Social Security. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed.7-0.

ITEM 16: Facilities Manager Phil Hibbert requested a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the O'Donnell Center's General Fund budget line 1000.36100.00000.9620 Repair/Not Computer Related to 1000.44100.00000.9620 Equipment. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 17: There was discussion of proposed changes to the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance for Community Corrections, the Health Department, and the Highway Department.

Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested that the ordinance be changed to reflect 4 additional full-time Living Unit Coordinators (Non-Exempt) for a total of 8. These positions would be paid from the ARPA budget line 8950.11176.00000.0000 at a max rate of \$19.23/hour.

She also requested the addition of 3 part-time (total of 8) Living Unit Coordinators to be paid a max rate of \$19/hour from the ARPA budget line 8950.11120.00000.0000.

Auditor Jill Landrum discussed the need to change the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance for the Health Department in order to reflect payroll for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to be paid from the new Fiscal year grant budget line 8118.11111.00000.00000, effective 7/10/2022. The position was previously paid from Fund 9118 – Bio Health Terrorism budget line 9118.11111.00000.0000, which expired. The max rate of pay remained the same.

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler discussed the meeting he had with the Job Class Committee to request an increase in pay for the highway workers. At the meeting, the committee decided to bring the topic to the full County Council to consider raising the base rate of pay to an amount within the range of \$24.50 - \$25.00, and to be effective 10/30/22. The max rate of pay for each position would also increase at the same increment. Job Class Committee members Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller also commented on the discussions that were involved in arriving at this range.

The Job Class Committee also discussed creating seasonal part-time pay rates of \$30/hour for drivers with a CDL, and \$25/hour for drivers without a CDL, in order to help with winter snow plowing.

The Current Rates of Pay per position are:

11311 Equip Operator II (3) – Non-Exempt	\$20.35 Hourly
11310 Equip Operator III (10) – Non-Exempt	\$20.62 Hourly
11206 Sign man (1) – Non-Exempt	\$20.62 Hourly
11109 Mechanic (1) – Non-Exempt	\$21.81 Hourly
11015 Equip Op III/Foreman (3) – Non-Exempt	\$22.98 Hourly plus \$1.68/hr. after completing Road Scholar PR
11016 Operations Foreman (1) – Exempt	\$55,706.83 Max Annual Rate
11101 Superintendent (1) – Exempt	\$66,550.26 Annual Rate plus \$5,000 Certification Pay

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to increase the base pay rate to \$24.50/hr. Terry Miller seconded the motion. After further discussion, there was a roll call vote taken on the motion: Terry Miller – Yes; John Stoeckley – Yes; Keith Eller – No; Kittie Keiffer – Yes; Kendall Mickley – No; Peyton Pike – Yes; and Shane Bickel – No. The motion passed 4-3.

ITEM 18: Peyton Pike made a motion to open the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 19: Council voted on the proposed changes to the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance:

John Stoeckley made a motion to add 4 Full-Time Living Unit Coordinators for Community Corrections and 3 Part-Time Living Unit Coordinators, all to be paid from the ARPA Fund, as proposed. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Peyton Pike made a motion to change the pay for the Coordinator for the Health Department's PHEP Fund 8118 from the expired Bio Health Terrorism budget line 9118.11111.00000.0000, to the new budget line 8118-11111.00000.0000, effective 7/10/2022. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to increase the Highway Department's base pay to \$24.50/hr. effective October 31, 2022. Auditor Jill Landrum stated for clarification that this is an increase of \$4.15 per hour for each position, with the exception of the secretary. Terry Miller seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Terry Miller – Yes; John Stoeckley – Yes; Keith Eller – No; Kittie Keiffer – Yes; Kendall Mickley – No; Peyton Pike – Yes; Shane Bickel – No. The motion passed 4-3.

Peyton Pike made a motion to pay part-time Seasonal drivers that hold a CDL @ a max rate of \$30.00/hr. and the part-time Seasonal drivers without a CDL @ the max rate of \$25.00/hr. with 29 hours per week max. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 20: John Stoeckley made a motion to close the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 21: Troy Hostetler requested an Additional Appropriation of \$275,000.00 in the MVH Fund 1176 for the following budget lines:

1176.22100.00000.0533 Unleaded Fuel	\$150,000.00
1176.22101.00000.0533 Diesel Fuel	\$125,000.00

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy requested an Additional Appropriation of \$600,000.00 for the MVH budget line 1176.27515.00000.0531 Asphalts. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy requested transfers for the MVH Unrestricted Fund 1176 & MVH Restricted Fund 1173, as follows:

FROM:	1176.27515.00000.0531 Asphalts	\$600,000.00
TO:	1173.27515.00000.0531 Asphalts	\$600,000.00

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

Troy also requested transfers for the Restricted MVH Fund as follows:

FROM:	1173.27500.00000.0531 Materials	\$8,000.00
TO:	1173.37300.00000.0531 Road Equipment	\$8,000.00

FROM:	1173.27510.00000.0531 Aggregates	\$100,000.00
TO:	1173.27515.00000.0531 Asphalts	\$100,000.00

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

Troy also requested transfers in the Unrestricted MVH Fund as follows:

FROM:	1176.11311.00000.0531 Equip Operator II	\$30,000.00
TO:	1176.11015.00000.0531 Foreman	\$30,000.00

FROM:	1176.11311.00000.0531 Equip Operator II	\$500.00
TO:	1176.11900.00000.0530 Longevity	\$500.00

FROM:	1176.49500.00000.0533 Equipment	\$1,000.00
TO:	1176.36200.00000.0533 Service Contracts	\$1,000.00

FROM:	1176.11310.00000.0531 Equip Operator III	\$5,000.00
TO:	1176.11160.00000.0531 Laborers	\$5,000.00

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

ITEM 22: Keith Eller made a motion to approve the following Encumbrances for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 JDAI Grant Fund 9668:

9668.11111.00000.0000 Coordinator	\$254.84
9668.35106.00000.0000 Internet	\$30.03
9668.21500.00000.0000 Supplies	\$125.59
9668.21500.00000.0000 Supplies	\$194.48
9668.21411.00000.0000 Food	\$24.60
9668.21411.00000.0000 Food	\$95.30
9668.21411.00000.0000 Food	\$265.53
9668.21411.00000.0000 Food	\$94.77
9668.21500.00000.0000 Supplies	\$75.00
9668.32500.00000.0000 Travel Expenses	<u>\$79.21</u>
Total Encumbrances	\$1,239.35

Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 23: NEW/OLD BUSINESS – Facilities Manager Greg Ricker discussed his desire to change pest control services, from Rose Pest to Fortified Pest Control for the Courthouse, Annex, and Pole Barns. Greg said the change would cost approximately \$1,500 more each year but he felt the service would be better. Council President Mickley indicated that Greg should come back in January for an additional appropriation to cover the increase.

ITEM 24: Council's Committee Reports:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE –Kittie Keiffer – Passed out a report with the monthly reporting.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike – Nothing to report; Kendall commented how great the West Park Drive recycling area looks.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – John Stoeckley – Nothing to report

JOB CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller – Coming back to clean up next meeting on Sheriff's portion of Wage & Salary Ordinance.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM – Shane Bickel – 3 Presentations on Grant Applications to be awarded next month.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT – Terry Miller – Met at new Eco Lab near Homier

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Keith Eller – Nothing to report

PLAN COMMISSION – Terry Miller – A new building was approved out at Novae

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

HCUED – Kendall Mickley – \$129 Million on 2022 Investments; Unemployment rate 2.6%; Eco Lab Extension; Shuttleworth Expansion; Redi Grant

ABCD – Keith Eller – Nothing to report

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW – John Stoeckley – Nothing to report

WHARMM – Peyton Pike – Nothing to report

COMMISSIONER'S HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Keith Eller – Meeting next month

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL – Peyton Pike – New EMS LIT

HCPSD COMMITTEE – Kendall Mickley – Dispatch moved to O'Donnell Center

INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer – Nothing to report

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Terry Miller & John Stoeckley – An offer was accepted on Junction 9 property (Old Joe & Peg’s)

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

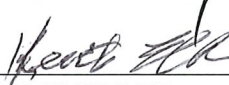
ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022



KENDALL MICKLEY




SHANE BICKEL



KEITH ELLER



TERRY MILLER



KITTIE KEIFFER



PEYTON PIKE



JOHN STOECKLEY

ATTEST: 

JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

