

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
JUNE 27, 2022 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 27th day of June 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 June 15, 2022.

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

The 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 May 23, 2022 meeting minutes, and Kittie Keiffer mentioned a correction needed to ITEM 6 of the minutes, to read "Leslie mentioned her recent presentation to the Job Class Committee to restructure her staff and pay amounts. This was discussed later in the meeting." Kittie then made a motion to approve the May 23, 2022 minutes, as corrected. Terry Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 2: Chief Probation Officer Heather Malone requested an appropriation of \$410.46 in Fund 9664 2021 LACE Probation Grant for budget line 9664.21900.000.0000 Drug Testing Supplies. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Heather also requested an Appropriation of \$27.58 in Fund 9657 – 2020 LACE Probation Grant for budget line 9657.21900.000.0000 Drug Testing Supplies. Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the request. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Heather also requested a Grant Budget Appropriation in Fund 9661 – JDAI FY22-23 for the following budget lines:

9661.11111.000.0000 Coordinator	\$34,500.00
9661.12100.000.0000 Social Security	\$4,899.00
9661.12200.000.0000 Retirement	\$2,639.26
9661.21100.000.0000 Office Supplies	\$600.00
9661.21411.000.0000 Food	\$7,226.00
9661.22600.000.0000 Probation Incentives	\$3,774.00
9661.21500.000.0000 Supplies	\$2,843.20
9661.32500.000.0000 Travel Expenses	\$6,041.60
9661.39500.000.0000 Subscriptions & Dues	\$3,672.00
9661.44100.000.0000 Equipment	<u>\$3,885.33</u>

TOTAL: \$70,080.39

Magistrate Amy Richison mentioned that she has discussed JDAI matters with Council previously when we were an interim site, and now we are considered a first-year site.

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve these requests. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3: Heather Malone spoke on behalf of Erin Wiley of Drug Court and requested an Appropriation of \$640.00 in the 2021 LACE Drug Court grant fund for budget line 9665.32600.000.0000 Incentives. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Heather also requested an Appropriation of \$8,000.00 in Fund 9679 – 2022 Problem Solving Grant for budget line 9679.11111.000.0000 Coordinator. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 4: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested a transfer of \$2,550.00 from Health Fund budget line 1159.11520.000.0610 – Nurse, with \$2,000 going to 1159.45302.000.0610 Computer Hardware and \$550 to 1159.45400.000.0610 Furniture. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve these transfers. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 5: Recorder Vicki Pearson requested adoption of an ‘Enhanced Access Fund’ Ordinance 2022-6-27 per the instructions of the State Board of Accounts. This new fund will be used to handle payment to her software vendor. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-6-27. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 6: Facilities Manager Greg Ricker requested a wage increase for the courthouse custodial staff to \$16 per hour, effective June 26, 2022.

ITEM 7: John Stoeckley made a motion to Open the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 8: Shane Bickel made a motion to increase 2 non-exempt, Full Time Cleaning Crew positions to be paid from budget line 1000.11455.000.0161 at the rate of \$16.00/hr, and 1 non-exempt, Part Time Cleaning Crew to be paid from 1000.11120.000.0161 to \$16.00/hr. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 9: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to close the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 10: With respect to Item 8 of the agenda, Greg Ricker requested a transfer of \$6,630.00 from 1000.11410.000.0161 - Maintenance Worker, with \$4,971.20 going to budget line 1000.11455.000.0161 - Cleaning Crew and \$1,658.80 to 1000.11232.000.0161 - Part Time. Peyton Pike made a motion to approve these requests. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 11: Auditor Jill Landrum spoke on behalf of Prosecutor Jeremy Nix to request the following Transfers of Appropriation:

FROM: Prosecutor’s County General fund budget line 1000.11231.000.0009 - Deputy Prosecutor
TO: 1000.11232.000.0009 – Deputy Prosecutor in the amount of \$1500.00

FROM: Prosecutor’s IV-D Program budget line 1000.11242.000.0660 – Caseworker
TO: 1000.11230.000.0660 – Administrator in the amount of \$4,130.00

FROM: Infraction Deferral Fund budget line 2506.11415.000.0000 - Employee Compensation
TO: 2506.11416.000.0000 - Employee Compensation in the amount of \$2,000.00

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve all three transfers. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 12: Council member Kittie Keiffer spoke on behalf of Clerk Shelley Septer to request a transfer of \$215.15 from the Election & Registration budget line 1000.21500.000.0104 – Supplies, to 1000.39500.000.0104 - Subscription & Dues. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this transfer. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 13: Magistrate Amy Richison spoke on behalf of Judge Davin Smith to request an Additional Appropriation of \$22,989.32 in the GAL/CASA Matching Grant budget line 9667.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 14: Commissioner President Rob Miller requested an Additional Appropriation of \$48,500.00 in the Commissioner’s budget line 1000.34210.000.0068 - Building Liability, etc. Insurance. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this Additional. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Miller also requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT Economic Development budget line 1112.35400.000.0000 - Project 4 – Discretionary for \$300,000.00. He discussed what this additional funding would be used for. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this Additional. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 15: HCUED Director Mark Wickersham spoke as the recording secretary for County Council’s Tax Abatement Advisory Committee. The committee chaired by Councilman John Stoeckley met on June 10, 2022 to review and consider CF1s from the companies listed below:

DOC’S CRANE & RIGGING, INC	RES # 2019-07-31-2 PP	PERSONAL PROPERTY
GLADIEUS ENERGY LLC	RES # 2015-11-23-1 PP CC	PERSONAL PROPERTY
GLADIEUS ENERGY LLC	RES # 2014-07-28-RF	REAL PROPERTY
GLADIEUS ENERGY LLC	RES # 2013-06-25	PERSONAL PROPERTY
HEARTLAND REMC	RES # 2019-07-31-1 PP	UTILITY (UD) -10 TWP
INTRI-CUT TOOL CO LLC	RES # 2018-12-17-NC	PERSONAL PROPERTY
INTRI-CUT TOOL CO LLC	RES # 2015-06-22A	PERSONAL PROPERTY
MITCHELL S MOUNSEY	RES # 2013-05-20-1	REAL PROPERTY

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve these requests. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 16: Surveyor Jay Poe appeared before Council to discuss the option of leasing or purchasing a new plotter for Surveyor and CCIS. He will come back in July for a Transfer of Appropriation.

ITEM 17: Mark Wickersham stated that in 2015, Huntington County was among one of the first Counties to approve an authorization to be a part of the Regional Development Authority’s activities (RDA). Members of the group attending the meeting were Michael Galbraith, Ryan Twiss and Gene Donahy. Mark explained that it is time to consider a reauthorization of our involvement in that organization. This reauthorization takes place every eight (8) years. The RDA is the administrating entity (Sub-recipient) of the REDI grant funds. Jill Landrum stated that she spoke with County Attorney Bob Garrett about renewing the resolution and he believed Andy Boxberger would be providing the document for adoption. Shane Bickel made a motion to renew the Resolution. Terry Miller seconded

and the motion passed 6-0. Jill will get the paperwork from Bob Garrett or Andy Boxberger to sign at the July meeting.

ITEM 18: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Kittie Keiffer mentioned that Council member Terry Miller attended the recent County Council Conference and he has very valuable information to share. Council members can contact Terry for more information and details.

Kittie also stated that Council members received information from the Assessor's office regarding a new Farmers Tax Abatement. Mark Wickersham stated that any tax abatement must involve an investment that occurs in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA), and he read Huntington County's ERA, which defined the designated areas qualifying for tax abatement as areas that are or become zoned light industry and/or heavy industry as shown on a current zoning map. He further stated that our current ERA does not include areas zoned as agriculture. Mark indicated that County Council could change the ERA, but suggested that it be discussed with the Commissioners first. Council member Shane Bickel suggested that they receive legal advice on the subject.

Joakim Abrahamsson discussed the problems we have been having for a few months regarding e-mails. Joakim suggested that we move everything to the "cloud" which also includes archiving, hosting and mail filtering, the City is also on board with this and will pay their share. This would be a third-party cost. Joakim requested a verbal consensus to start the process and come back to Council next month for the Additional Appropriation. Council agreed by consensus.

ITEM 19: COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer – No report

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike – Whitley Environmental was bought out by Free for Life; West Park location received new bins; new benches should have been delivered on June 27th.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – John Stoeckley mentioned the Safe Streets for all Program, and applications need to be in by Sept 6. He also mentioned a housing program from OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) and you can get up to \$250,000.00 on a five-year renewable application, for improvements to individuals' homes who are 55 and over or handicapped.

JOB CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller – Nothing to report; Meeting later in the week.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM – Shane Bickel – N/M

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT – Terry Miller – No meeting

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Keith Eller – Absent

PLAN COMMISSION – Terry Miller – Approval of a small solar plant at the old Northwest School.

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

HCUED – Kendall Mickley – Ground Breaking, Teijin, \$110 Million, 172 acres hoping to be operational by July 2023. Unemployment rate at 2%.

ABCD – Keith Eller – ABSENT

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW – John Stoeckley reported that they are reaching out to Commodity Blenders, as they have not filed all of the required paperwork for abatement compliance.

WHARMM – Peyton Pike – No Meeting

COMMISSIONER’S HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Keith Eller – ABSENT

EMA ADVISORY COUNCIL – Peyton Pike couldn’t attend the last EMS meeting; Commissioner Rob Miller stated that Parkview met with the Commissioners and they are getting a new ambulance. They also mentioned to the Commissioners that they have increased employee wages and they have changed the matrix on how they respond to calls. They also requested an additional \$50,000 for the EMS Service.

HCPSD COMMITTEE – Kendall Mickley – Nothing to report.

INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer – Nothing to report.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Terry Miller & John Stoeckley – The RDC committee recently met in Executive and regular sessions. The question was brought up about whether we should advertise TIF Districts, and Commissioner Rob Miller indicated that it could be discussed with Andy Boxberger, counsel for RDC.

ITEM 20: ADJOURNMENT – Shane Bickel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

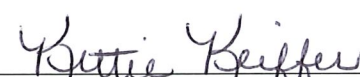
ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF JULY 2022:



KENDALL MICKLEY


SHANE BICKEL

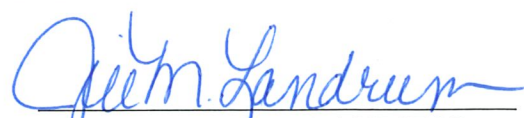
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KEITH ELLER


TERRY MILLER


KITTIE KEIFFER


PEYTON PIKE


JOHN STOECKLEY

ATTEST: 
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

