

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
DECEMBER 13, 2021 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 13th day of December 2021, 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 Dec 01, 2021.

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

Terry Miller opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held to consider the Tax Abatement Non-Compliance – There were no comments from the public. The Public Hearing was closed.

ITEM 1: Mark Wickersham, HCUED Director, reported on the recent meeting of the Tax Abatement Advisory Board on December 02, 2021, to consider an application requesting Tax Abatement for Commodity Blenders LLC of Salem, OH. Mark explained that Commodity Blender filed an SB1 form for Real Property and Business Personal Property with the County on October 30, 2021, for a project located at 10643 South Hartford City Road, Warren, IN, which was formerly owned by Salamonic Mills. Due to the estimated project start date of March 01, 2021, and an estimated completion date of Oct 15, 2022, the committee realized that a waiver of non-compliance would be required, if the County wanted to approve or give further consideration of the request for the abatement. Mark further explained that the Committee members requested that he obtain additional information regarding Commodity Blenders, to report back to them. At the close of the Advisory Board meeting, the members had not agreed on a recommendation for Council.

Mark was available for questions from Council regarding the application of Tax Abatement, as was Commodity Blenders' CFO Jim Adkins. Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Waiver of Non-Compliance and Tax Abatement for Commodity Blenders. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-1. Vote Against: Kittie Keiffer.

ITEM 2: Christi McElhaney requested an additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 for the Solid Waste HHW Program 001-01-03-93. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the November 15, 2021 Minutes. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Jan Williams presented a list of the LACE award recipients to Council. The awards were given for 11 different grant requests, totaling \$40,359.57. Keith Eller made a motion to approve these awards. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: In consideration of Council's board appointments, Kittie Keiffer made a motion to re-appoint Doyle Krieg to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Shane Bickel made a motion to re-appoint Barry Christen to the PTABOA Board. Terry Miller

seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Terry Miller made a motion to table the appointment to the Norwood Water & Sewer District until the January 2022 Council meeting. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

ITEM 6: Tony Ehler, Assistant Director HCPSD, requested an additional appropriation of \$52,000.00 in the 4020.12300.000.0000 Health Insurance budget line. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this additional request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 7: Tony also requested a transfer of \$4,000.00 from the 4020.11625.000.0000 Dispatcher budget line to 4020.11120.000.0000 Part Time. Peyton Pike made a motion to approve this transfer. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: Kendall Mickley, Council President, made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the PS LIT 1170.35100.000.0380 Jail Utilities for \$45,000.00. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this additional. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 6-1, with Shane Bickel voting against.

ITEM 9: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to open the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Leslie Rentschler, Director of Huntington County Community Corrections and Alex Fritz, Residential Supervisor were present to discuss the upcoming changes for Community Corrections. Leslie discussed the Community Corrections Budgets for fiscal year 2022, and explained that the Department of Corrections communicated that she had to do two different funds, one for the regular Community Corrections Program and one for the Residential/Work Release program. Leslie indicated that she had recently met with Auditor Jill Landrum and HR Director Stefanie Rogers, to discuss the staffing for her program. Leslie presented the updated budgets to Council.

Leslie gave a components summary with individuals on program as of December 13, 2021. There were 214 under supervision, 132 Bond, 66 Home Detention, 88 Referrals. Since June 21, they have 88 people that they have handed off to the Parkview Behavioral Health for Services.

Leslie previously met with the Job Class Committee to go over all the new positions, and the Grant funding available to offset department expenses.

She provided spreadsheets to Council members to provide a look at what the organization is beginning to look like with all the new positions, and the new programming coming. The spreadsheet also showed how the funding will be used to cover the wages and payroll expenses of the positions (attached EXHIBIT A). Leslie explained that she would like to start interviewing for the new positions.

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the max rates for the wages/salaries of employees in the Community Correction department. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Auditor Jill Landrum informed Council that there were some formula errors in the Sheriff's Matrix that was used to compile the 2022 Wage and Salary Ordinance that was adopted by Council at the November meeting; therefore, some corrections were needed for the 2022 wages for Deputies & K-9 Officers (attached EXHIBIT B). Terry Miller made a motion to approve the changes to the 2022 Wage

& Salary Ordinance. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Jill presented some clean up items (attached EXHIBIT C) for the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve these corrections. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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

ITEM 10: Jill Landrum spoke on behalf of Greg Ricker, Facility Manager, who requested to transfer \$1,800.00 from the 1000.11450.000.0161 Facilities Manager budget line to 1000.12000.000.0161 Overtime. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 11: Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, requested the following Local Road and Street transfers:

FROM:	1169.27500.000.0000 Materials	\$60,129.66
TO:	1169.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts	\$60,129.66

FROM:	1169.49000.000.0000 Equipment	\$3,900.00
TO:	1169.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts	\$3,900.00

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

ITEM 12: Troy requested the following transfers for the MVH Fund 1176:

FROM:	1176.23100.000.0533 Tires	\$4,000.00
TO:	1176.36200.000.0533 Service Contracts	\$4,000.00

FROM:	1176.23100.000.0533 Tires	\$1,000.00
TO:	1176.27500.000.0533 Materials	\$1,000.00

FROM:	1176.23100.000.0533 Tires	\$1,650.00
TO:	1176.22300.000.0533 Uniforms Clothing	\$1,650.00

FROM:	1176.11311.000.0531 Equip Operator II	\$4,804.80
TO:	1176.11310.000.0531 Equip Operator III	\$4,804.80

FROM:	1176.11109.000.0533 Mechanic	\$2,250.00
TO:	1176.12200.000.0533 Retirement	\$2,250.00

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

ITEM 13: Troy requested the following transfer in the MVH Restricted Fund 1173:

FROM: 1173.27525.000.0531 Culverts Pipes & Tile \$2,000.00
TO: 1173.27500.000.0531 Materials \$2,000.00

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

ITEM 14: Troy requested a transfer of \$30,000 from the Cumulative Bridge fund budget line 1135.27500.000.0000 Materials to 1135.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 15: Troy requested a Decrease/Increase of \$1,313.63 for the Highway Department. This is accomplished by issuing a check to decrease Fund 9140 CCMG Grant budget line 9140.50002.000.0000 Unappropriated; and then quietus/receipt the check into Fund 1173 MVH Restricted 1173.00880.000.0000 Misc. Receipts.

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 16: Magistrate Amy Richison appeared on behalf of Circuit Court Judge Davin Smith to request the following transfers for Fund 9668 JDAI 2021/22 Grant:

FROM: 9668.32500.000.0000 Travel Expense \$1,560.50
FROM: 9668.21500.000.0000 Supplies \$1,000.00
FROM: 9668.21411.000.0000 Food \$837.00
TO: 9668.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts \$3,397.50

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

ITEM 17: On behalf of Sheriff Chris Newton, Jill Landrum requested a decrease of the County General Sheriff's budget and an increase in the County General Jail's budget in the amount of \$43,950.00.

Decreasing the Sheriff's Budget for the following budget lines:
1000.11105.000.0005 Lieutenant \$3,350.00
1000.11107.000.0005 Sergeant \$2,900.00
1000.11335.000.0005 Captain \$22,900.00
1000.12001.000.0005 Detective \$800.00
1000.12000.000.0005 Overtime \$14,000.00

Increasing the Jail budget line 1000.33520.000.0380 Meals for Prisoners in the amount of \$43,9540.00.

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

ITEM 18: Jill also requested the following transfers in the General Fund/Jail Budget for Sheriff Newton:

FROM:

1000.11229.000.0380 PT Cook/PT Office	\$4,698.73
1000.11306.000.0380 Matron	\$2,270.00
1000.21515.000.0380 Medical Supplies	\$2,500.00
1000.32020.000.0380 Extradition	\$8,400.00
1000.33500.000.0380 Dental	\$3,050.00
1000.36100.000.0380 Repair	\$7,700.00
1000.44100.000.0380 Equipment	\$4,440.00

TOTAL \$33,058.73

TO:

1000.11400.000.0380 Clerical	\$105.00
1000.11900.000.0380 Longevity	\$564.74
1000.13500.000.0380 Transport Officer	\$48.99
1000.22300.000.0380 Uniforms	\$200.00
1000.32080.000.0380 Housing of Prisoners	\$20,000.00
1000.33520.000.0380 Meals for Inmates	\$12,140.00

TOTAL \$33,058.73

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

Jill also requested a transfer of \$6,000.00 from the 1000.11203.000.0380 Jailers to the 1000.11120.000.0380 Part Time. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve these transfers. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 19: Also on behalf of Sheriff Newton, Jill Landrum requested the following transfers totaling \$12,265.37 for the Sheriff's Department:

FROM:	1000.11200.000.0005 Chief Deputy	\$2,265.37
	1000.12600.000.0005 Holiday Pay	\$10,000.00
TO:	1000.11106.000.0005 Captain	\$2,265.37
	1000.21402.000.0005 Garage/Motor Supplies	\$10,000.00

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

ITEM 20: Jill requested a transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Misdemeanant Fund from 1175.44110.000.0000 Misc. Equipment to 1175.11570.000.0000 Commissary Clerk, for Sheriff Newton.

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this transfer. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Jill also requested a transfer in the Jail Budget of \$1,459.18 from 1000.33520.000.0380 Inmate Meals to 1000.21405.000.0380 Jail Operating Supplies.

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

ITEM 21: Auditor Landrum spoke on behalf of Superior Court Judge Jenny Newton to request a transfer of \$2,500.00 from the Supplemental Public Defender fund 1200.37210.000.0000 Atty Fees for Conflict to budget line 1200.39100.000.0000 Transcripts.

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

ITEM 22: Tom Wall, Commissioner President, requested a transfer of \$380.00 from 1000.21100.000.0068 Office Supplies to 1000.21500.000.0068 Supplies. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 23: Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Blanket Transfers for the Auditor's Office Only. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 24: NEW/OLD BUSINESS: NONE

ITEM 25: COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer – Leslie covered everything during the meeting.

SOLID WASTE: Peyton Pike – N/A

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – N/A

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller – Covered during meeting

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E) / EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM: N/A

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT: Terry Miller – Meeting at old Herald Press building

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Keith Eller –N/A

PLAN COMMISSION: Terry Miller – N/A

C.E.D.I.T ADVISORY: Peyton Pike – N/A

HCUED: Kendall Mickley – N/A –

ABCD – Keith Eller – N/A

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW: Kittie Keiffer – Covered at meeting.

WHARM: Peyton Pike – N/A

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – NA

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL: Peyton Pike – N/A

HCPSD COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – N/A

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer – N/A

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Terry Miller & Kittie Keiffer – N/A

ITEM 26: ADJOURNMENT – Kittie Keiffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 18th, DAY OF January 2022

ATTEST: Jill M. Landrum
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

Terry Miller
TERRY MILLER

Shane Bickel
SHANE BICKEL

John Stoeckley
JOHN STOECKLEY

Kendall Mickley
KENDALL MICKLEY

Peyton Pike
PEYTON PIKE

Kittie Keiffer
KITTE KEIFFER

Keith Eller
KEITH ELLER

EXHIBIT B - Sheriff's Dept.
 CHANGES TO SALARY ORDINANCE -
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Department	LOW Pay Code	Job Title	Exempt / Non-Exempt	Employee Name	DOH	2022 MAX Annual Pay - (including 3% incentive)	CORRECTED AMT FOR 2022	Certification Pay	MAX Hourly HOL (26) STOT	Bi-Weekly Pay
	Sheriff - 0005	REORGANIZED SALARIES								
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer / K-9	NON-EX	McVoy	5/5/2003	\$ 57,464.00	\$ 58,585.22	\$ -	\$ 28.17	\$ 2,253.28
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Farthing	4/14/2003	\$ 57,464.00	\$ 58,585.22	\$ -	\$ 28.17	\$ 2,253.28
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Long	1/3/2005	\$ 57,464.00	\$ 58,585.22	\$ -	\$ 28.17	\$ 2,253.28
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Weicht	5/13/2013	\$ 51,026.38	\$ 52,022.00	\$ -	\$ 25.01	\$ 2,000.85
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Wohlford	1/5/2015	\$ 49,044.97	\$ 50,001.92	\$ -	\$ 24.04	\$ 1,923.15
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Whitney	1/9/2017	\$ 47,140.49	\$ 48,060.29	\$ -	\$ 23.11	\$ 1,848.47
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Sands	10/16/2018	\$ 46,216.17	\$ 47,117.93	\$ -	\$ 22.65	\$ 1,812.23
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Woodward	1/2/2019	\$ 47,140.49	\$ 48,060.29	\$ -	\$ 23.11	\$ 1,848.47
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Smith	10/1/2019	\$ 46,216.17	\$ 47,117.93	\$ -	\$ 22.65	\$ 1,812.23
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Smart	1/6/2020	\$ 44,421.54	\$ 45,288.28	\$ -	\$ 21.77	\$ 1,741.86
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Jones, C	1/1/2021	\$ 45,309.97	\$ 46,194.05	\$ -	\$ 22.21	\$ 1,776.69
Sheriff's Department	11335	Deputy Officer	NON-EX	Foster	6/21/2021	\$ 51,026.38	\$ 52,022.00	\$ -	\$ 25.01	\$ 2,000.85

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EXHIBIT C - MISC.
CHANGES TO SALARY ORDINANCE -
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Department	LOW Pay Code	Job Title	Change to:	Originally adopted	Reason
Sheriff's Department					
1000-0005	11250	Merit Board	37215 - Merit Board Members	instead of Board Member	Change after software conversion
Surveyor					
1000-0006	11111	Bus Op Coordinator	11115 - Coord - Business Ops	instead of Coordinator	Change per request of Elected Official
Veteran's Service					
1000-0012	11335	Veteran Service Officer (VSO)	\$20.54/hr MAX	instead of \$19.94/hr MAX	Missed 3% incentive
County Council					
1000-0061	11100	Council President (Elected Official)	\$8,236.22 annual	instead of \$8236.00 annual	Must be exactly \$500 more than others
Commissioner					
1000-0068	13030	Off Manager - Soil & Water	\$15.01/hr MAX	instead of \$14.97/hr MAX	Incentive for S&W must be pd from General Fund
Soil & Water					
4913-0000	13020	Office Manager	\$1.31/hr MAX	instead of \$1.35/hr MAX	Can't pay 3% incentive from fund
Community Development (DCD)					
1000-0000	11113	Bldg & Permit Div Coord	\$18.27/hr MAX	instead of \$17.43/hr MAX	Employee currently paid less than MAX
1000-0000	11111	Land Use Div/Office Coord	\$18.46/hr MAX	instead of \$16.90/hr MAX	Employee currently paid less than MAX
Health Department					
1159-0610	11011	Environmental Health Sanitarian	\$22.85/hr MAX	instead of \$22.21/hr MAX	Employee currently paid less than MAX
Highway Department					
1176-0531	11206	Signman	\$1,872 annual certification pay	instead of \$1944.00 annual	previous cert amt was based on 27 pays
1176-0531	11310	Equip Op III	\$1,144 annual certification pay	instead of \$1188.00 annual	previous cert amt was based on 27 pays
1176-0531	11310	Equip Op III	\$624 annual certification pay	instead of \$648.00 annual	previous cert amt was based on 27 pays
1176-0533	11109	Lead Mechanic	\$21.81/hr MAX	instead of \$21.17/hr MAX	Missed 3% incentive
Jail					
1000-0380	11229	Cook/Office/Admin PT	\$14.91/hr MAX	to be paid from Fund 1233 - LIT Correctional Rehab Facility (1233.11229.000.0380) instead of Jail budget per Council's decision at Budget Workshop	

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