

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
OCTOBER 18, 2021 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 18th day of October 2021, in the G.A.R. Room, at the Huntington County Courthouse, Huntington, Indiana, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering all business brought before it pursuant to notice given to the Huntington Herald Press on Oct 06, 2021.

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

Keith Eller opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the County Council minutes from the August 16th & 17th Budget Hearings and the September 13 Budget Workday. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget Adoption Approval for Solid Waste in the amount of \$404,338.00. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget Adoption Approval for County General in the amount \$13,599,320.00 and the grand total for all funds (including Co General is \$24,506,881.00. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Coroner Rod Jackson requested an additional of \$25,000.00 in the 1000.31100.000 .0007 Contract Professionals for autopsies. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Jim Michel, Weights and Measures, requested a transfer of \$435.30 from the 1000.44100.000.0308 Equipment line to 1000.32500.000.0308 Travel Expenses. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Tami Hurlburt, EHFS requested to transfer \$2,552.75 from the Health Department's 1159.11520.000.0610 Nurse into the following accts:

1159.11111.000.0610 Clinic Coordinator for \$2.75

1159.11250.000.0610 Health Board Member \$50.00

1159.12000.000.0610 Overtime

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

ITEM 7 of the agenda was moved after ITEM 8 on the agenda.

ITEM 8: Auditor Jill Landrum, presented a request of transfer for Sheriff Chris Newton for \$20,000.00 from the Jail's budget line 1000.32080.000.0380 Housing of Prisoners with \$10,000 to the 1000.11120.000.0380 Part Time budget line and \$10,000 to the 1000.12000.000.0380 Overtime budget line. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve this transfer. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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ITEM 7: In July Sheriff Newton requested a transfer of \$16,900 from the Sheriff's budget line for Captain, to the Sheriff's budget line for Officers. A new deputy was being hired at a higher rate of pay, than the previous Officer and the Wage & Salary Ordinance was not adjusted at that time to allow an hourly rate of \$22.92.

Keith Eller made a motion to open the 2021 Wage & Salary Ordinance.
Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Shane Bickel made a motion to adjust the pay for the new officer's position 1000.11335.000.0005 Officer to \$22.92 per hour. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: Auditor Landrum also requested an appropriation of \$33,762.79 in the 4012/K-9 fund to purchase a K-9 and cover the expenses for supplies and vet bills. The appropriation would be for the following budget lines:

4012.49901.000.0000	K-9	\$6,800.00
4012.21500.000.0000	Supplies	\$5,000.00
4012.36200.000.0000	Service Contracts	\$21,962.79

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

ITEM 10: Jill also requested an appropriation of \$499.00 in Fund 9122 – 2021 LACE GRANT-SHERIFF for a yearly renewal for GPS Tracker to be paid from budget line 9122.39500.000.0000 Subscription & Dues. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 11: Prosecutor Jeremy Nix advised Council that it was recently discovered that the 2017 Salary Ordinance reflected a max rate of pay for the Deputy Prosecutor position at \$70,000, however it was not carried forward to future years. The Deputy Prosecutor was not making the max rate of pay during the subsequent years, and the Salary Ordinance only reflected the current rate of pay for the position from 2018 – present. The 2021 Wage & Salary Ordinance needs to be amended to show the max rate of pay for the Deputy Position to be \$70,000, retroactively to 1/1/2021. Peyton Pike made a motion to update the Salary Ordinance. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 12: Prosecutor Nix also requested a transfer of \$20.00 from the following Prosecutor's 1000.11500.000.0009 Administrator, to the following accounts:

1000.11700.000.0009	Investigator	\$5.00
1000.11550.000.0009	Office Administrator	\$5.00
1000.11200.000.0009	Chief Deputy	\$5.00
1000.11232.000.0009	Deputy Prosecutor	\$5.00

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

ITEM 13: Prosecutor Nix requested a transfer of \$10.00 from the Prosecutor's Title IV-D budget line 1000.11243.000.0660 Caseworker to 1000.11242.000.0660 Caseworker.

He also requested to transfer \$35,500.00 FROM the following accounts:

1000.11241.000.0660	Caseworker	\$5,000.00
1000.11243.000.0660	Caseworker	\$4,500.00
1000.11244.000.0660	Receipt/Caseworker	\$3,000.00
1000.11245.000.0660	Caseworker	\$9,000.00
1000.12000.000.0660	Overtime	\$11,000.00
1000.32300.000.0660	Telephone	\$500.00
1000.39900.000.0660	Computer License	\$2,500.00

TO: 1000.12300.000.0660 Group Insurance.

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

ITEM 14: Prosecutor Nix also requested a transfer of \$10.00 from the Infraction Deferral Fund, budget line 2506.11415.000.0000 Employee Compensation to the following accts:

2506.12210.000.0000	Legal Assistant - I	\$5.00
2506.11416.000.0000	Employee Compensation II	\$5.00

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

ITEM 15: There was discussion about a new position and wages for a Highway Department Operations Foreman to be paid \$2,117.51 bi-weekly (26.47/hr) for the remainder of 2021. The budget line for this position is 1176.11016.000.0530. This addition of this position, would replace the Asst Superintendent and Supervisor Positions for the Highway Department. Terry Miller made a motion to remove the Assistant Superintendent and Supervisor positions and replace with the new Operations Foreman Position. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Peyton Pike made a motion to close the Salary Ordinance. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, requested the following transfers:

FROM: 1176.11170.000.0530	Supervisor	\$3.40
TO: 1176.11401.000.0530	Secretary II	\$3.40

FROM: 1176.11170.000.0530	Supervisor	\$20.60
TO: 1176.11300.000.0530	Secretary	\$20.60

FROM: 1176.1114.000.0530	Asst Superintendent	\$12,691.20
TO: 1176.11016.000.0530	Operations Foreman	\$12,691.20

FROM: 1176.11015.000.0531	Foreman	\$9.20
TO: 1176.11206.000.0531	Sign man	\$9.20

FROM: 1176.11015.000.0531	Foreman	\$54,565.00
TO: 1176.11310.000.0531	Equip Operator III	\$54,565.00

FROM: 1176.11015.000.0531 Foreman \$16.00
 TO: 1176.11160.000.0530 Laborers \$16.00

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

ITEM 16: Troy also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$38,000.00 in the MVH Fund for budget line 1176.22100.000.0533 Fuel. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 17: Troy requested an Additional Appropriation of \$50,000.00 in the Cumulative Bridge Fund for budget line 1135.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 18: Troy requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,319,835.00 in the Community Crossing Matching Grant for line item 9141.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts. Peyton Pike made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 19: Rob Miller, President of the Redevelopment Commission, requested a transfer of \$407.19 from budget line 4925.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts into the following budget lines:
 4925.11300.000.0000 Secretary \$5.25
 4925.12300.000.0000 Group Insurance \$401.94
 Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 20: Tom Wall, Commissioner President, requested a transfer of \$3,000.00 from the Commissioner's 1000.38550.000.0068 Solid Waste Disposal budget line to the following accounts:
 1000.21500.000.0068 Supplies \$1,000.00
 1000.23300.000.0068 Repair Parts/Equipment \$2,000.00

Commissioner Wall also requested a transfer of \$25.75 from the Commissioner's 1000.12000.000.0068 Overtime budget line to 1000.11300.000.0068 Secretary. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve both transfers. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 21: Commissioner Wall also requested an Appropriation of \$248,754.15 for Fund 8950 ARP (American Rescue Plan) for the following budget lines:

8950.12200.000.0000	Retirement	\$4,319.80
8950.12300.000.0000	Group Insurance	\$17,506.58
8950.12100.000.0000	Social Security	\$2,327.22
8950.34510.000.0000	Unemployment	\$304.21
8950.34300.000.0000	Work Comp	\$450.19
8950-11518.000.0000	Public Health Administrator	\$13,846.15
8950.21420.000.0000	Cleaning Supplies	\$5,000.00
8950.21512.000.0000	PPE	\$5,000.00
8950.36200.000.0000	Service Contracts	\$200,000.00

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

ITEM 22: Erin Wiley, Drug Court Coordinator, requested a transfer of \$14,808.00 from the CY 2021 Drug Court Grant Fund, budget line 9605.11111.000.0000 Coordinator to the following budget lines:

9605.34300.000.0000	Workers Comp	\$258.00
9605.21100.000.0000	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
9605.21900.000.0000	Drug Testing	\$1,500.00
9605.31000.000.0000	Printing	\$50.00
9605.32500.000.0000	Travel Expense	\$10,000.00
9605.39500.000.0000	Subscriptions & Dues	\$900.00
9605.22600.000.0000	Incentives	\$500.00
9605.21411.000.0000	Food	\$100.00

Erin also requested a transfer of \$3,100.00 from 9605.11111.000.0000 Coordinator to 9605.12300.000.0000 Group Insurance. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve these transfers. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 23: Leslie Rentschler, Director of Community Corrections, requested an Additional Appropriation of \$10,779.52 in the Indiana State Opioid Response Grant for budget line 8656.12300.000.0000 Group Insurance. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 24: Scratched from the Agenda

ITEM 25: Leslie also requested an Increase/Decrease - Appropriation Adjustment to decrease Community Transition Program Fund, budget line 1123.50002.000.0000 Unappropriated for \$975.00 and increase PI Community Corrections Fund budget line 1122.21100.000.9609 Office Supplies. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this request. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Heidi Amspaugh from Baker Tilly discussed the Feasibility Study and a funding plan that has been laid out for the O'Donnell Center for \$4,207,133.68 to get the projects taken care of. The LIT Public Safety will provide a one-time cash contribution of \$269,214.47 for Community Corrections for a vestibule and their Security System. Also, another one-time cash contribution from LR & S (Local Road & Street) for \$27,100.00 which would cover the traffic study and drainage study that needs to occur out at the O'Donnell Center. Heidi stated that from the ARPA monies that were in the plan that was provided this evening, \$2,009,643.65 would be a one-time cash contribution which would pay for a majority of the projects for all the connectivity costs, the 911 tower and dispatch costs and then the storm and sewer work at the O'Donnell Center. The last piece recommended by Baker Tilly was that the county issue a bond to pay for \$1,901,175.56 for various cost of issuance, the road widening, generator, signage and some building improvements that need to take place at Victory Noll/O'Donnell Center. Altogether, this would total 4.2 million. Heidi also discussed the process of getting the Bond. The Commissioners would adopt a Resolution of Need first, then it would come before the Council for an Introduction of a Bond Ordinance, and an Introduction of the Appropriation Ordinance, then it would come back to Council for the Adoption of the Ordinance. These are the steps to get the bond issued. Heidi stated that they are recommending a General Revenue Bond, which would be payable from the Economic Development LIT revenues, as well as

the Restricted MVH Funds, with a property tax backup on it. What would be provided to Lisa Lee, Bond Council, is a reasonable expectation that we would never have to levy a property tax and that gets us around some of the legal requirements if we were to issue a property tax bond issue.

Commissioner Rob Miller commented that the revenue streams to be used for the bonds are existing revenues and we would have to cover the project at 130% which is roughly \$170,000 per year, but there would be approximately \$40,000 residual each year that will not be used but is required for the coverage for the Bond issue. He requested Council to move forward during the current meeting to start the process.

Terry Miller made a motion to continue with the bond paperwork. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0

ITEM 26: COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer - Leslie stated they received awards from the Department of Corrections for FY 22 in the amount of \$587,227.00 that will cover the current programming which will be as it is for next year in the amount of \$352,227.00 and then granted \$235,000.00 for the work release program. January 1st those funds will be coming in. Leslie was also awarded a \$60,000.00 Pre-Trial Grant, Beginning Oct 1st, 2021. Leslie also gave the stats from Comm Corrections for the month.

SOLID WASTE: Peyton Pike – Drug bins were passed out to the town.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – No one has been appointed to this committee.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller – N/A

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E) / EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM: Shane Bickel mentioned that Year-end grants are coming up. There was a presentation from the FT Wayne Detectives Bureau pertaining to drug overdoses at the last meeting.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT: Terry Miller reported that great news is on the horizon.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Keith Eller – No Meeting

PLAN COMMISSION: Terry Miller –Continue to have different documents

C.E.D.I.T ADVISORY: Peyton Pike – No meeting

HCUED: Kendall Mickley – N/A

ABCD – Keith Eller – No meeting

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW: Kittie Keiffer – No meeting

WHARM: They will wait to make appointment until later date.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – No Meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL: Peyton Pike – No Meeting

HCPSD COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley reported that they met after the budget workshop and they are moving forward with the dispatch tower.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer – N/A

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Terry Miller & Kittie Keiffer – Possible offer on Norwood's and the old Joe and Pegs.

ITEM 27: ADJOURNMENT – Kittie Keiffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 15th, DAY OF NOV 2021

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

Terry Miller
TERRY MILLER

absent
SHANE BICKEL

John Stoeckley
JOHN STOECKLEY

Kendall Mickley
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