

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
APRIL 26, 2021 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 26th day of April 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 April 14, 2021.

Council Members present: Ron Kline, Terry Miller, Keith Eller, Phil Hibbert, Kendall Mickley, Shane Bickel and Kittie Keiffer were present.

Kittie Keiffer opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021, Council meeting. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Sheriff Chris Newton discussed the pay for Karen Poling during the transition of hiring a new matron. Both Karen and her replacement will be paid from the matron line item. The new employee will train with Karen for two weeks and will receive the same rate of pay, therefore Chris will need to transfer from another line item or get an additional appropriation from Council, to keep the matron account line from going in the red. This will be decided towards the end of the year to determine if there are funds available to transfer.

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to open the Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Kendall Mickley made a motion to add the 2nd position for matron and this position is to be paid \$1650.74 Bi-Weekly beginning June 18, 2021. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Keith Eller made a motion to close the Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Auditor Jill Landrum discussed the options for paying the utilities associated with the Jail Expansion Project. She explained that jail utilities are currently paid from the PS LIT Fund 1170; however, due to the increased expenses resulting from the project and the new maintenance building, it is possible for the budgeted funds to be depleted before the end of the year. Council agreed by consensus to pay all jail project utilities from PS LIT Fund 1170, until the funds are depleted, at which time they will reconsider how to pay the utilities for the remainder of the year.

ITEM 3: Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent. requested the following transfers: \$10,000.00 from MVH 1176.27500.000.0533 Materials to 1176.36200.000.0533 Service Contracts; and \$49,061.75 from MVH Restricted 1173.50002.000.0000 Unappropriated to Fund 9140 Community Crossing Matching Grant 9140.00880.000.0000 Misc. Receipts Account. Terry Miller made a motion to approve these requests. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy also requested the following appropriations: \$196,247.00 in the 9140 Community Crossing Materials Grant in 9140.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts; and also \$30,000.00 in the Local Road and Street 1169.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve both appropriations. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Robert Jeffers, EMA Director, requested a transfer of \$3,000.00 from EMA 1000.44200.000.0302 Road Equipment to 1000.45600.000.0302 Vehicles to purchase a vehicle from the Sheriff's Department for K-9 use. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this transfer. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Tim Allen, Dispatch Director, requested an appropriation of \$336,457.43 in the E-911 Fund 1222.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts. This request is to cover two years (2019 – 2020) of the Motorola contract @ \$155,485.81/yr. Dispatch only budgeted \$130,000.00 for the year 3 payment (2021), so \$25,485.81 more needs appropriated for the November 2021 payment. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Jenna Strick appeared on behalf of Circuit Court Judge Davin Smith to request an appropriation of funds in the 9663 / 2021 GAL/CASA Building Grant in the 9663.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts for \$6,172.00.

Jenna also presented a request for an appropriation of funds in the 9667 / 2021 CASA Grant Matching for \$14,398.00 in line 9667.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts.

The third appropriation request presented by Jenna was for \$9,973.53 in the 2021-2022 JDAI Grant - Fund 9668, in the following accounts:

9668.32500.000.0000	Travel Expenses	\$4,233.53
9668.21411.000.0000	Food	\$2,570.00
9668.21500.000.0000	Supplies	\$1,750.00
9668.35106.000.0000	Internet	\$420.00
9668.44100.000.0000	Equipment	\$1,000.00

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve all 3 appropriation requests. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 7: Jan Williams, LACE Treasurer, requested an appropriation of \$43,947.36 in Fund 1148 - Drug Free Community (formerly LACE) in the following accounts:

1148.34200.000.0000	Misc. Expenses	\$10,986.84
1148.36200.000.0000	Service Contracts	\$32,960.52

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

ITEM 8: Tami Hurlburt, EHFS, was not available to present her request for an Additional Appropriation so this item of business was moved down the agenda until she arrived.

ITEM 9: Erin Wiley presented a request to transfer \$2,408.00 from the 2021 Drug Court Grant 9605-11111.000.0000 Coordinator line, and put \$2,091.00 into line 9605.12300.000.0000 Insurance, and \$317.00 into 9605.34300.000.0000 Workers Comp. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this transfer. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 10: Auditor Jill Landrum requested a transfer of \$430.00 from 1000.24500.000.0002 Operating Supplies to 1000.45100.000.0002 Office Equipment. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this transfer. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 11: Commissioner President Tom Wall requested an appropriation of \$200,000.00 in Fund 1112 - LIT/CEDIT for Project 6 – Additional Discretionary 1112.35401.000.0000 for road maintenance at CR 100 N between Rangeline Road and SR 105. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Tom also provided an update on the Victory Noll property. The closing for the property was on April 23rd, so it now belongs to the County. The IT Director has begun wiring the facility and Community Corrections and Parkview would like to move in approximately 2-3 weeks. Tom has been providing tours. The City wants the roadway entrance widened and some drainage work needs to be done.

Tom mentioned that Baker Tilly is working on our financial plans and the Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2021-14 for the funds coming to Huntington County through the American Rescue Plan.

Dispatch will be moving to Victory Noll facility.

ITEM 8: Tami Hurlburt, EHFS entered the meeting and requested an Additional Appropriation in the Health 1159.12000.000.0610 Overtime line for \$5,093.55. This was necessary because Brant's overtime payout for 2020 did not get processed until 2021, thus making the fund short. Health Officer, Dr. Matt Pflieger, advised Council that the Vaccine Clinic should stop at Crestview at the end of May, and move back to the Health Department. This will help reduce the amount of overtime going forward. Dr. Pflieger also mentioned that the COVID test site located on North Jefferson Street was closed on 04/23/21. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the request for Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$5,093.55. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Pflieger also gave a packet to Council regarding the Health Department.

ITEM 12: Auditor Jill Landrum requested an appropriation in the County Council line 1000.21527.000.0061 COVID Council to cover COVID-related expenses. Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 13: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Auditor Jill Landrum discussed her concerns with the upcoming Budget season as Tina Stevens is leaving the department. Jill reached out to Baker Tilly regarding the possibility of them providing Budget assistance for Huntington County since they are already working on a Financial Plan for us. Jill provided the information to Council members. After review and discussion, council members suggested reaching out to Darren Bates of Data Pit Stop for assistance, and they would discuss the matter further next month.

ITEM 14: COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Ron Kline –Nothing to report

SOLID WASTE: Phil Hibbert –Solid Waste applied for a grant for Roanoke, Andrews, and Warren, and was awarded approximately \$26,000.00 in a matching grant for recycling totes, and brochures to teach about recycling.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Phil Hibbert – No Meeting

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer, Ron Kline, and Keith Eller - No Meeting

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E) / EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM: Shane Bickel – LACE meeting included discussion of Overdose Prevention and the dispensing of Narcan.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT: Terry Miller- Toured Inspio

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Keith Eller – Meeting Wednesday

PLAN COMMISSION: Terry Miller – No Meeting

C.E.D.I.T ADVISORY: Kendall Mickley – No Meeting

HCUED: Ron Kline – Great things, Markle Industrial new expansion; Interest in Riverfork

ABCD: Keith Eller – No meeting

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW: Kittie Keiffer – No meeting

WHARRM: Phil Hibbert – No meeting

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – No meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL: Phil Hibbert – Packet given to Council regarding the Baby Box being installed at the South Fire Station and is now fully operational.

HCPSD COMMITTEE: Ron Kline –Discussion with Tim Allen

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer – No meeting

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Terry Miller & Kittie Keiffer – An appraisal was done on Norwood; Junction 9 will receive help with cleanup; combo of sewer district ongoing

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT – Phil Hibbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendall Mickley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 24th, DAY OF May 2021

ATTEST:

JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

TERRY MILLER

SHANE BICKEL

PHIL HIBBERT

KENDALL MICKLEY

Resigned 05/13/21
RON KLINE

KITTIE KEIFFER

KEITH ELLER

