

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
MAY 24, 2021 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 24th day of May 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 May 12, 2021.

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

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

Kittie Keiffer, Vice President advised Council that due to the resignation of Council President Ron Kline on May 13, 2021, they would open nominations for a new Council President. Shane Bickel made a motion to nominate Kendall Mickley as President, Phil Hibbert seconded. Terry Miller then nominated himself as President, no second was made. Keith Eller moved to close the nominations. Kittie passed out ballots for a vote to be completed and ballots were returned to Auditor Jill Landrum. Kendall Mickley became the new Council President after receiving 4 votes vs. the 2 votes for Terry Miller.

ITEM 1: Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2021, Council meeting. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 2: Linda Hall was unable to attend; however, she applied for and requested consideration as Council's new appointment to the Andrew-Dallas Township Public Library Board. Kittie Keiffer gave an endorsement for Linda Hall, and made a motion to appoint Linda Hall to the Andrews/Dallas Township Public Library Board for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3: Christi McElhaney, Representing the Solid Waste Management District, requested an additional appropriation of \$13,000.00 in the acct 001-01-04-43 Recycling Equipment. This is to cover a 50/50 Grant from IDEM. This is for recycling totes for Andrews, Warren, and Roanoke, and also informational fliers. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this request. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 4: Kim Hostetler, Director of DCD, requested an additional of \$8,000.00 in the DCD 1000.31100.000.0079 Professional Contracts line. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 5: Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer of \$865.00 from 1176-27510.000.0531 Aggregates to 1176-27505.000.0531 Calcium & Salt. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 6: Superior Court Judge Jenny Newton requested a transfer of \$24,844.00 from Superior Court's 1000.11541.000.0201 IV-D Magistrate to the 1000.11305.000.0201 Court Operations Specialist.

Judge Newton advised Council that the State approved the county to have a full-time Magistrate, which is going to be Amy Richison and she will need a new Court Operations Specialist to be paid at \$18.91 per hour, which is the reason she is requesting this transfer. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this transfer. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Jenny also requested an increase / decrease from Superior Court to the Circuit Court. Decreasing the SC budget line 1000.11540.000.0201 Part Time Magistrate for -\$14,000.00 and increasing the CC 1000.31105.000.0232 CHINS/GAL line for \$14,000.00. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this request. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 7: Judge Newton also requested an appropriation of \$47,439.50 in the 9605 / 2021 Drug Court Grant for the 2nd half of 2021 for the following accounts:

9605.11111.000.0000 Coordinator	\$35,058.00
9605.12100.000.0000 Social Security	\$1,900.00
9605.12200.000.0000 Retirement	\$3,527.00
9605.12300.000.0000 Insurance	\$5,000.00
9605.34300.000.0000 Workers Comp	\$29.50
9605.34510.000.0000 Unemployment	\$124.00
9605.32300.000.0000 Phone	\$300.00
9605.32200.000.0000 Travel	\$1,501.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Keith Eller made a motion to open the Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Kendall stated that the question on the table is to approve the new full-time Magistrate's Court Operations Specialist 1000.11305.000.0201 to be paid \$18.91 per/hr. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Salary Ordinance remained open for other business to be discussed later in the meeting.

ITEM 8: Leslie Rentschler, Director of Community Corrections, requested an appropriation of \$176,113.50 in Fund 9317 - 2021 Community Corrections Grant for the 2nd half of 2021 for the following accounts:

9317.11000.000.0000 Director	\$32,606.00
9317.11108.000.0000 Officer Field	\$18,396.00
9317.11111.000.0000 Coordinator	\$18,500.00
9317.11315.000.0000 Trainer	\$18,450.00
9317.11336.000.0000 Officers	\$14,326.00
9317.11515.000.0000 Financials Data Analyst	\$20,000.00
9317.13020.000.0000 Office Manager	\$16,444.00
9317.21900.000.0000 Drug Testing Supplies	\$1,000.00
9317.36000.000.0000 Rent	\$9,000.00
9317.32400.000.0000 Conf Registrations	\$1,000.00
9317.32500.000.0000 Travel Expenses	\$2,000.00
9317.33600.000.0000 Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,288.50
9317.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts	\$23,103.00

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 9: Auditor Jill Landrum advised Council that the discussion regarding the United Way Grant and Rhonda Adam's pay should be tabled until more information is provided from Tami Hurlburt and/or Dr. Pflieger regarding how the United Way Grant money should be spent.

ITEM 10: Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, reported on the Wheel Tax and how the funding is spent, and he suggested that the ordinance should remain the same. Phil Hibbert made a motion to retain Ordinance 2019-05-20 as it is. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 11: Kendall Mickley advised Council of Resolution 2021-5-24 to establish the Policy by which Members of the County Council May Participate by Electronic Means of Communication. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this Resolution. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 12: Auditor Jill Landrum requested a transfer of \$19,138.74 from her 1000.11200.000.0002 Chief Deputy Line and \$1,550.00 from her 1000.11120.000.0002 Part-Time line into her 1000.11225.000.0002 Deputy Line. Jill has offered Kristen Baker a full-time position to replace Tina Stevens. Jill is currently not going to have a Chief Deputy but would like to leave some funding in that line to be able to appoint someone from her office at a later date in the year, if she so chooses. Jill also mentioned that she is looking for a replacement for her part-time position. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Share Bickel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Shane Bickel made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance to reflect this change in staffing by paying the new deputy from account #11225, and inactivating the Chief Deputy account #11200. The max rate of pay for the new deputy line will be \$18.69. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Keith Eller made a motion to close the Salary Ordinance. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Jill advised Council of the Budget Hearings Scheduled for August 16th & 17th and that there will be a few department heads that will be attending a conference at that time. Jill wanted to know if it would be acceptable for a zoom conference to be offered for those department heads to present their budgets and answer any questions that Council has. Council is agreeable to offering a zoom meeting for those attending the conference.

Jill also asked Council if they would like for the departments to put in a 3% incentive again for 2022. Council concurred.

Jill also suggested for the departments to round up to the nearest dollar for each employee's pay for the 2022 budget instead of just rounding up the total for the line item. For example, since the Auditors office has 4 deputies paid from the same line item, then each deputy's annual pay would be rounded up, before totaling the annual pay of all four employees.

ITEM 13: COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: – Leslie advised that there are 176 people, pretrial has boomed and 194 bonded out from Jail and contacted Comm. Corrections. Kittie will fill in as the replacement for Ron Kline for this committee.

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. The grant was approved, and they are also getting a new truck.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Phil Hibbert – No Meeting

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer, Keith Eller and Terry Miller –Health Department discussions, Dr. Pflieger decided to look over the Health Department and get back with the Committee.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E) / EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM: Shane Bickel –There was an addiction presentation at the last meeting.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT: Terry Miller- Meeting at noon on Friday, May 28, 2021.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Keith Eller – Table top exercise ammonia spill.

PLAN COMMISSION: Terry Miller – Improvement Plan, changes on Plan

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

HCUED: Kendall Mickley –

ABCD: Keith Eller – No meeting

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW: Kittie Keiffer – No meeting

WHARRM: Phil Hibbert – Meeting will be June 18.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – No meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL: Phil Hibbert – No Meeting

HCPSD COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – N/A

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer – No meeting

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Terry Miller & Kittie Keiffer – No Meeting

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT – Phil Hibbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ADOPTED THIS 28th, DAY OF JUNE, 2021

ATTEST: Kim Deaton

JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

T. Miller

TERRY MILLER

Shane Bickel

SHANE BICKEL

Phil Hibbert

PHIL HIBBERT

Kendall Mickley

KENDALL MICKLEY

Resigned 05/13/21

RON KLINE

Kittie Keiffer

KITTIE KEIFFER

Keith Eller

KEITH ELLER

