

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
MARCH 22, 2021 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 22nd day of March 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 March 10, 2021.

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

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

ITEM 1: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2021, Council meeting. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: EMA Director, Robert Jeffers requested an appropriation of funds in the 4103 Civil Defense Donations fund for \$2,500.00 in the 4103.34205.000.0000 K-9 Expenses budget line.

Robert also requested an appropriation of funds in the 8330 HEMP 2021 Grant for \$3,500.00 in the 8330.31300.000.0000 Training budget line. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the two appropriation requests. Keith Eller seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the 1176 MVH fund for \$15,000.00 in 1176-12000.000.0531 Overtime. Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy also requested a transfer of \$2,400.00 from 1176-34300.000.0533 Workman's Comp to 1176-34400.000.0533 Public Liability/Property Damage. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: This item was scratched from the agenda as it was previously taken care of.

ITEM 5: Mel Hunnicutt, Courthouse Security, requested a transfer of \$5,000.00 from 1000.44100.000.9607 Equipment to 1000.36101.000.9607 Repair/Maintenance to take care of the preventative maintenance agreement with Smith Detection Services for the x-ray machine, and Hamco X-ray for the metal detector. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this transfer. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, requested a transfer of \$15,000.00 from 1000.45302.000.0106 Hardware Computer to 1000.24500.000.0106 Operating Supplies. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 7: Kim Hostetler, DCD Director, requested a transfer of \$5,700.00 from the 1000.36200.000.0079 Service Contracts, with \$3,000.00 to be placed in 1000.31100.000.0079 Contract Professionals and \$2,700.00 to be placed into 1000.33200.000.0079 Publication Legals Notices. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve these transfers. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: Heather Malone, Chief Probation Officer, on behalf of Judge Davin Smith requested an appropriation of funds in the 9661 Juvenile Detention Alternative fund for \$3,109.95 in the following budget account lines:

9661.21500.000.0000 Supplies for \$1,000.00
9661.35106.000.0000 Internet for \$365.00
9661.44100.000.0000 Equipment \$1,744.95

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

ITEM 9: Stefanie Rogers, HR Director, on behalf of the Commissioners, requested an appropriation of funds in the 8901 ICJI Criminal Justice grant for \$44,130.75 in the following budget account lines:

8901.21512.000.0000 PPE	\$8,962.22
8901.32300.000.0000 Telephone	\$3,992.29
8901.34510.000.0000 Unemployment	\$190.00
8901.12100.000.0000 Social Security	\$2,178.72
8901.34300.000.0000 Workman's Comp	\$327.52
8901.11512.000.0000 UDS Technicians	\$28,480.00

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

Stephanie advised Council of the UDS Technician position and how it is to be funded.

Shane Bickel made a motion to open the salary ordinance. Kendall Mickley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the 2 New UDS Technicians as part-time positions for up to \$16/HR. Kendall Mickley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Kendall Mickley made a motion to close the salary ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 10: Matt Pfeiger, Interim Public Health Officer, informed Council about the Ely Lilly funding through United Way to help supplement the cost of the COVID-related expenses at the Vaccine test center. Currently \$40,750.00 is being considered. Matt explained where this funding will be used, and he requested an appropriation of these funds. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the request to appropriate \$40,750 for Fund 4920 – UNITED WAY GRANT. Kendall Mickley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 11: Auditor Jill Landrum discussed the Safety Awareness Grant, which is 10% of the COVID IFA Grant (Fund 8905) which was reimbursed in 2020. The State Board of Accounts advised the Auditor's Office to use the same fund number as last year. The County Commissioners are considering how the \$117,577 will be spent.

In order to pay for COVID-related expenses, Council decided to have the Auditor's Office re-advertise \$50,000 to be appropriated at the April meeting for County Council's budget line 1000.21527.000.0061 - COVID Council.

ITEM 12: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Ron Kline advised Council members that the Commissioners suggested to have the Feasibility Study completed for the Victory Noll project, and it will be paid for out of the Commissioner's Budget.

Stefanie Rogers & Matt Pfeiger discussed the Public Health Administrator position that was discussed at the Job Class Committee.

ITEM 13: COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Ron Kline – Leslie Rentschler stated there are 70 on program, 58 on Home Detention, 5 that just ended their term. Pre-Trial services now being reported.

SOLID WASTE: Phil Hibbert –Going well, applied for a grant through IDEM, working on new secured site in Roanoke. A presentation at the meeting was great but had technical difficulties.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Phil Hibbert – with above.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: Ron reported that Sheriff Newton requested a matrix for his jailers and other (non-deputy) staff members that would include a 1% pay increase per year, plus any raises that other county employees receive, plus their longevity. Ron indicated that the committee did not agree to this.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E) / EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM: Shane Bickel – New Comprehensive Community Plan being worked on.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT: Terry Miller- N/A

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Keith Eller – N/A

PLAN COMMISSION: Terry Miller – Old Simpson Grain building proposed sorting and cutting scrap metal; 2 acre lots and second septic location plans being discussed.

C.E.D.I.T ADVISORY: Kendall Mickley – N/A

HCUED: Ron Kline –N/A

ABCD: Keith Eller –N/A

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW: Kittie Keiffer – N/A

WHARRM: Phil Hibbert – N/A

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – N/A

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL: Phil Hibbert – N/A

HCPSD COMMITTEE: Ron Kline – Was out of town during meeting; They are moving forward with the tower.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer – N/A

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Terry Miller & Kittie Keiffer – Meeting coming up.

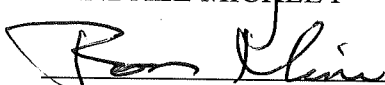
ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT – Kendall Mickley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

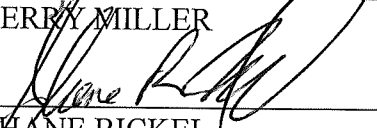
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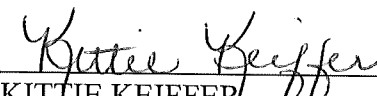
ATTEST: 
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR


KENDALL MICKLEY


TERRY MILLER


RON KLINE


SHANE BICKEL


KITTIE KEIFFER


PHIL HIBBERT


KEITH ELLER