REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA APRIL 22, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 22nd day of April 2024 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 April 11, 2024.

Council Members Present: Terry Miller, Shane Bickel, Peyton Miller, Keith Eller, and Brian Warpup. Members absent were Kendall Mickley and John Stoeckley.

Council Vice President Terry Miller called the meeting to order. Keith Eller gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ITEM 1: Vice President Terry Miller asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting. Keith Eller made a motion to approve the minutes. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
- ITEM 2: EMA Director Robert Jeffers requested a transfer of \$665.00 from the Department's General fund budget line 1000.44200.00000.0302 Radio Equip to 1000.21200.00000.0302 Computer.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3: Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request for an Appropriation Transfer on behalf of the Prosecutor's office, in the amount of \$28,871.50 from the County General Title IV-D budget line 1000.11242.00000.0660 - Caseworker to 1000.11246.00000.0660 - Lead Caseworker.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 4: Auditor Landrum also presented the Prosecutor's request for an Appropriation Transfer of \$27,931 from the Department's County General budget line 1000.12210.00000.0009 - Legal Assistant #1 to 1000.12209.00000.0009 - Lead Legal.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 5: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested an Appropriation Transfer of \$100,000 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund budget line 1135.27500.00000.0000 - Materials to 1135.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

- ITEM 6: There was discussion about changing the Secretary/Receptionist position (Acct #11401) at the Highway Department to Office Manager (Acct #13020), with a max pay rate of \$22.71/hour, effective 04/28/24. The Job Classification and Compensation Committee gave this matter a favorable recommendation when they met on April 5, 2024.
- ITEM 7: Keith Eller made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 8: Shane Bickel made a motion to change the Secretary/Receptionist position (Acct #11401) at the Highway Department to Office Manager (Acct #13020), with a max pay rate of \$22.71/hour, effective 04/28/24. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Peyton Miller made a motion to close the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 10: Council discussed the COLA for 2025 and there was a consensus for departments to budget for a 4% incentive/wage increase, and then Council will review further during the budget workshop.

ITEM 11: There was no new or old business discussed.

ITEM 12: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - There was no meeting, but Terry Miller reported that there are currently 16 people in the program.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller reported that the GFL contract expires in October. There are problems with recycling and they are considering options available.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley - Absent

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - The Committee will meet again on May 3rd.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel indicated that they discussed Red Ribbon Week that will be held in October.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller - No meeting

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller - No meeting - the next one will be Wednesday, 04/24/24.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller - mentioned that the Commissioners have hired a company to review, reformat, and reorganize the County's ordinances. This will help make the ordinances easier to read and search. He also mentioned that several people attended the Commissioner's meeting earlier in the day to voice their concerns over the potential solar projects in Huntington County.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Miller - No meeting

HCUED - Kendall Mickley - Absent

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller - No meeting

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - Absent

WHARMM - Peyton Miller - No meeting

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller - No meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Miller - next meeting in May

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley - Absent

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - Nothing to report at this time.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - No meeting

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT - Shane Bickel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF MAY 2024:

Ahsent on	0.4122124

KENDALL MICKLEY

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SHANE BICKEL

PEYTON MILLER

ATTEST:

KEITH ELLER

Absent on 04/22/24
JOHN STOECKLEY

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BRIAN WARPUP