

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
MAY 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 20th day of May 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 May 09, 2024.

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

President Kendall Mickley called the meeting to order. Brian Warpup gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the April 22, 2024 meeting. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 2: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested an Additional Appropriation of \$150,00000 in the Cumulative Bridge Fund as follows:

1135.27500.00000.0000 - Materials	\$ 100,000.00
1135.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts	\$ <u>50,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 150,000.00

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3: Troy requested a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the MVH Fund budget line 1176.27500.00000.0533 - Materials to 1176.49100.00000.0533 - Misc. Road Equipment to pay lease payments.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

* ADDITIONAL CONVERSATION - Troy asked about Council's opinion on leasing equipment or vehicles (to own) vs. purchasing outright. Examples of equipment would be a "Road Maintainer" and a dedicated mower. Council President Kendall Mickley requested that Troy gather information to give a presentation with details.

ITEM 4: Troy also discussed the Wheel Tax and whether Council wanted to leave the rates the same for 2025, by retaining Ordinance 2019-05-20.

Brian Warpup made a motion to retain the Wheel Tax Rates for 2025. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 5: Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request for a Transfer of Appropriation on behalf of Dewayne Goings, the Courthouse Security Supervisor. The request was to transfer \$1,000.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.22300.00000.9607 - Uniforms to 1000.36101.00000.9607 - Repair and Maintenance.

Peyton Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 6: Matron Tina Stevens presented a request for a transfer of \$1,500.00 from the Sheriff Department's County General budget line 1000.21402.00000.0005 - Garage/Motor Supplies to 1000.35120.00000.0005 Vehicle Repair/Service.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the request. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 7: Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request on behalf of Drug Court Coordinator Erin Wiley for an Additional Appropriation in the Drug Court User Fee Fund 2515 totaling \$6,600.00, for the following budget lines:

2515.21411.00000.0000 - Food	\$	200.00
2515.21100.00000.0000 - Office Supplies	\$	500.00
2515.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Testing Supplies	\$	500.00
2515.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies	\$	300.00
2515.22600.00000.0000 - Drug Court Incentives	\$	500.00
2515.31000.00000.0000 - Printing	\$	100.00
2515.32500.00000.0000 - Travel Expense	\$	1,000.00
2515.39800.00000.0000 - Misc. Supplies	\$	500.00
2515.45100.00000.0000 - Office Equipment	\$	3,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	6,600.00

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

ITEM 8: Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested an Additional Appropriation of \$719.97 in the Project Income Fund 1122, as follows:

1122.11336.00000.9611 - Surveillance Officer	\$	616.50
1122.45100.00000.9611 - Office Equipment	\$	103.47
TOTAL:	\$	719.97

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 9: Leslie also requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$51,125.79 in the Community Catalyst Fund 8670, as follows:

FROM: 8670.12300.00000.0000 - Insurance	\$	51,125.79
TO: 8760.22602.00000.0000 - Participant Incentives	\$	870.37
8760.21500.00000.0000 - Supplies	\$	30,255.42
8760.32502.00000.0000 - Transportation Support	\$	20,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	51,125.79

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfer request. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 10: Leslie also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$286.64 in the IDOC Grant Fund 9317, as follows:

9317.21500.00000.9631 - Supplies	\$	219.64
9317.36200.00000.9631 - Service Contracts	\$	67.00
TOTAL:	\$	286.64

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 11: Leslie also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$2,364.75 in the 2023 Pretrial Services, for the following budget lines:

9672.11111.00000.0000 - Coordinator	\$	961.54
9672.11116.00000.0000 - Pretrial Assistant	\$	584.40
9672.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$	112.01
9672.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement	\$	219.52
9672.12300.00000.0000 - Group Insurance	\$	487.28
TOTAL:	\$	2,364.75

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 12: Facilities Manager Greg Ricker presented a request on behalf of DCD Director Kim Hostetler for an Additional Appropriation of \$2,000.00 in the department's County General budget line 1000.22100.00000.0079 - Fuel.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 13: There was discussion about increasing the MAX pay of the Auditor's deputies (Acct #11225) from \$20.82/hr. to \$23.29/hr., effective 05/27/24. The Job Classification and Compensation Committee gave this matter a favorable recommendation when they met on May 20, 2024.

ITEM 14: Peyton Miller made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 15: Shane Bickel made a motion to increase the MAX pay of the Auditor's deputies (Acct #11225) from \$20.82/hr. to \$23.29/hr., effective 05/27/24. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 16: Keith Eller made a motion to close the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 17: Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request on behalf of County Clerk Shelley Septer for Transfers of Appropriation in the Election's County General budget. The State recently directed counties that election workers should be paid through the payroll system instead of the Accounts Payable system, thus changing the budget lines to use.

FROM: 1000.31251.00000.0104 - Absent Voter Board	\$	25,300.00
1000.31252.00000.0104 - Precinct Board	\$	14,880.00
1000.38900.00000.0104 - Per Diem Poll Workers	\$	2,400.00
TOTAL:	\$	42,580.00
TO: 1000.11251.00000.0104 - Absent Voter Board	\$	25,300.00
1000.11252.00000.0104 - Precinct Board	\$	14,880.00
1000.11253.00000.0104 - Election Training	\$	2,400.00
TOTAL:	\$	42,580.00

Peyton Miller made a motion to approve the transfers. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 18: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Comment from guest Hank Miller regarding the County Council Minutes and Agendas and the transparency on the County website.

ITEM 19: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Leslie reported 15 in Work Release; 47 in Home Detention; 2 in Day-Reporting; 142 in Pretrial; and there were 47 individuals referred for treatment since January. They are currently working on grant application.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller reported that they are still working on a game plan for recycling. They have closed the West Park recycling area on weekends.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley - Absent

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - Meeting in June.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel reported that they had a speaker from BOCA Recovery Center at the last meeting. The center is a 35-bed facility, which is already at capacity. Most people are not from Huntington, but surrounding counties. They have a staff of 38 members and they are trying to get up to 52. Shane also reported that Place of Grace is trying to open 2 more women's facilities and one more men's facility.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller - Meeting May 31st @ Jail.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller reported that EMA received a grant from Duke Energy for supplies, and they also received a Salary Grant for \$41,700.00.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller - No Meeting

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

HCUED - Kendall Mickley - No Meeting

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

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - meeting coming up in June.

WHARMM - Peyton Miller - No meeting

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller - Nothing to report.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Miller reported that there was a meeting, and the EMS service has been very busy.

* John Stoeckley arrived at 7:48pm.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley reported that AT & T is fighting to run fiber. Also, Dispatch will be coming to Job Class Committee.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - State Board of Accounts to arrive on Wednesday.


REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - Nothing to report.

ITEM 20: ADJOURNMENT - Peyton Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE 2024:



KENDALL MICKLEY



TERRY MILLER




SHANE BICKEL

absent 6.24.2024

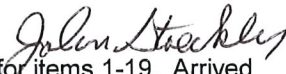
PEYTON MILLER

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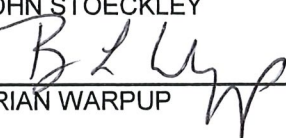
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR



KEITH ELLER


Absent 5/20/24 for items 1-19. Arrived @ 7:48pm

JOHN STOECKLEY



BRIAN WARPUP

