

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
JUNE 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 24th day of June 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 June 13, 2024.

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

Council President Kendall Mickley called the meeting to order. Terry Miller gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 2: Commissioner Rob Miller presented a request for an Additional Appropriation of \$124,461.25 in the Restricted Opioid Fund budget line 1237.38511.00000.0000 - Opioid Coalition, to be passed through to the Huntington County Community Foundation.

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

ITEM 3: Commissioner Miller also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$44,731.13 in the Unrestricted Opioid Fund budget line 1238.38511-00000-0000 - Opioid Coalition, to be passed through to the Huntington County Community Foundation.

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

ITEM 4: Commissioner Miller also requested for an Additional Appropriation of \$500,000.00 in the LIT Economic Development (CEDIT) budget line 1112.35400.00000.0000 - Project 4.

Rob provided information regarding plans for the future and an agreement that the Commissioners signed with Sand Strategies to promote Huntington projects. The contract is for 1 year and will cost \$10,000 per month. He also mentioned that there are a couple more possibilities in the works that he could not divulge at the time.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-1, with Brian Warpup voting against.

ITEM 5: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler presented a request for an Additional Appropriation of \$100,000.00 in the Motor Vehicle Highway budget line 1176.49100.00000.0533 - Misc. Road Equipment.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 6: Troy also presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation in the Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Unrestricted Fund 1176, as follows:

| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| FROM: 1176.11401.00000.0530 - Secretary II | \$ | 26,753.00 |
| 1176.11311.00000.0531 - Equip Operator II | \$ | 7,000.00 |
| TO: 1176.13020.00000.0530 - Office Manager | \$ | 33,753.00 |
| FROM: 1176.27510.00000.0531 - Aggregates | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| TO: 1176.27500.00000.0533 - Materials | \$ | 10,000.00 |

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

ITEM 7: Troy also request an Additional Appropriation of \$250,000.00 for Fund 8149 - Safe Roads & Streets for All grant budget line 8149.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

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

* **ADDITIONAL CONVERSATION** - Troy mentioned that he had sent an e-mail to Council regarding the leasing of equipment, and he also discussed the fuel tanks that are 45 years old. He indicated that we would need to start looking at Indiana Bond Bank or some other way to pay for the needed upgrades to the fuel equipment. The usage fee will be increased for those using the county's fuel. We have received a grant for half of the cost of the removal through IDEM, and looking at a grant that would pay for approximately 30% of new tanks. Troy told Council that he would follow-up by sending an e-mail to them with the quotes for all of the expenses involved.

ITEM 8: Joakim Abrahamsson, CCIS Director, requested an Additional Appropriation totaling \$67,000 in the CCIS County General Fund for the following budget lines:

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| 1000.45302.00000.0106 - Hardware - Computer | \$ | 64,400.00 |
| 1000.35120.00000.0106 - Vehicle Maintenance | \$ | 2,600.00 |

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

ITEM 9: Sheriff Chris Newton requested a transfer of \$791.84 from the Jail's County General Fund budget line 1000.44100.00000.0380 - Equipment to 1000.36101.00000.0380 Repair/Maintenance.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 10: County Health Officer, Dr. Matt Pflieger presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$5,500.00 in the Health First Indiana Fund 1161, as follows:

| | | |
|--|----|----------|
| FROM: 1161.31200.00000.0000 - Rent/Utilities | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| 1161.32500.00000.0000 - Travel Expenses | \$ | 1,800.00 |
| 1161.32400.00000.0000 - Registration/Conf Fees | \$ | 2,200.00 |
| TO: 1161.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts | \$ | 5,500.00 |

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

ITEM 11: County Extension Director Ed Farris - requested a transfer of \$1,500.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.11400.00000.0011 - Clerical to 1000.12000.00000.0011 - Overtime.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Ed gave an update on the Extension Office and also the Leadership Program and the 4-H Fair.

ITEM 12: Leslie Rentschler, Director requested a transfer of \$42,100.80 in the Community Catalyst Grant fund, as follows:

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| FROM: 8760.12300.00000.0000 - Insurance | \$ | 42,100.80 |
| TO: 8760.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement | \$ | 42,100.80 |

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the transfer of \$42,100.80. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 13: Leslie requested a Transfer of Appropriation totaling \$118,858.46 in Fund 8660 - 2024 SIM Grant (Justice Partners Addiction Grant), as follows:

| | | |
|---|----|------------|
| FROM: 8660.11111.00000.0000 - Coordinator | \$ | 32,076.07 |
| 8660.11116.00000.0000 - Assistant Coordinator | \$ | 23,697.21 |
| 8660.12300.00000.0000 - Insurance | \$ | 63,085.18 |
| TOTAL: | \$ | 118,858.46 |

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| TO: 8660.11120.00000.0000 - Part Time | \$ | 45,694.72 |
| 8660.11011.00000.0000 - Specialist | \$ | 11,840.18 |
| 8660.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security | \$ | 20,397.70 |
| 8660.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement | \$ | 6,066.43 |
| 8660.21100.00000.0000 - Office Supplies | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| 8660.32500.00000.0000 - Travel Expense | \$ | 25,000.00 |
| 8660.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts | \$ | 2,823.56 |
| 8660.34300.00000.0000 - Work Comp | \$ | 4,103.29 |
| 8660.34510.00000.0000 - Unemployment | \$ | 932.58 |

TOTAL: \$ 118,858.46

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

ITEM 14: Leslie requested a transfer of \$1,256.32 from IDOC Fund 9316 IDOC budget line 9316.36200.00000.9612 - Service Contracts to 9316.32500.00000.9612 - Travel Expense.

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

ITEM 15: Leslie - Grant Budget Request to appropriate a total of \$117,721.86 in the new COVID -19 Detection and Mitigation in Confinement Facilities grant, as follows:

| | | |
|--|----|---------------|
| 8927.12000.00000.0000 - Overtime | \$ | 31,138.96 |
| 8927.32502.00000.0000 - Transportation Support | \$ | 31,138.97 |
| 8927.36200.00000.0000 - Contract Services | \$ | 24,000.00 |
| 8927.45100.00000.0000 - Office Equipment | \$ | 31,443.93 |
| TOTAL: | | \$ 117,721.86 |

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Grant Budget Request as presented. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 16: County Recorder Vicki Pearson presented Resolution 2024-06-24 - A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM IDENTIFICATION SECURITY PROTECTION FUND TO RECORDERS RECORD PERPETUATION FUND. Adoption of the Resolution provides the Auditor the authority to transfer the balance of \$60,858.78, from Fund 1160 - Identification Security Protection Fund to Fund 1189 - Recorders Record Perpetuation Fund per State Statute IC 36-2-7.5-11 (c).

Keith Eller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06-24. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 17: TAX ABATEMENTS - Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County Economic Development, and the Recording Secretary of County Council's Tax Abatement Advisory Committee, discussed the Committee meeting held on June 6, 2024. The committee reviewed the CF-1s from the companies listed below:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| COMMODITY BLENDERS | RES # 2021-12-14-1 PP |
| DOC'S CRANE & RIGGING | RES # 2023-06-26-1 PP |
| DOC'S CRANE & RIGGING | RES # 2019-07-31-2 PP |
| HEARTLAND REMC/BROADBAND | RES # 2019-07-31-1 PP |
| R & M TERMINALS (F.K.A. GLADIEUX) | RES # 2015-11-23-1 PP |
| ***** | ***** |

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve compliance form filings on the currently existing abatements listed. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

In error, Commodity Blenders did not file their Real Property CF-1 by the May 15th deadline. Therefore, there will be a Public Hearing held on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7pm in the GAR Room of the Courthouse to consider a Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance for this abatement.

COMMODITY BLENDERS

RES # 2021-12-14-2 RP

ITEM 18: There was discussion regarding changes &/or additions requested for the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance including specific positions of the Treasurer, Assessor, Courts, Probation, Community Corrections, Jail Transport Officer (PT), Custodial Staff, Dispatch - Shift Supervisor, Health Dept (County Health Officer), and Sheriff Dept (SRO); as well as, legislative changes for the Auditor & Clerk; all of which were previously presented to the Job Classification and Compensation Committee. **(ATTACHED AS ADDENDUM A.)**

ITEM 19: Keith Eller made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 20: Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the changes &/or additions (**see attached ADDENDUM A**), to the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The Public Health Office position will increase in January 2025. The SRO position will be discussed further during the Budget Hearings &/or Budget Workshop.

Council moved to Item 22 on the Agenda.

ITEM 22: Brian Warpup made a motion to close the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Council moved to Item 21 on the Agenda.

ITEM 21: Auditor Jill Landrum's request for a Transfer of Appropriation of \$500.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.24500.00000.0002 - Operating Supplies to 1000.32500.00000.0002 - Travel Expense.

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

Council moved to Item 23 on the Agenda.

ITEM 23: NEW/OLD BUSINESS: There was no new or old business discussed.

ITEM 24: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - 16 in work release

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller - Absent

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley - cyber protection for utilities to discuss with Joakim.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - June was last meeting for the year.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel - no meetings June & July

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller - Visit with the Jail

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller - Thomas Fuller doing a lot of training.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller reported that the Roanoke Plan Commission expanded the TIF district, and had a Solar Discussion.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Miller - Absent

HCUED - Kendall Mickley reported that Golfo di Napoli Dairy was bought out by Ever Fresh Fruit Company. There has been 27 million YTD on investments. Mark Wickersham provided FDI Alliance International information.

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

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley commented that information was presented earlier in the meeting and there will be a Public Hearing in July.

WHARMM - Peyton Miller - Absent

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

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Miller - Absent


HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley - Nothing to report


INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - SBOA working on 2023 Audit.

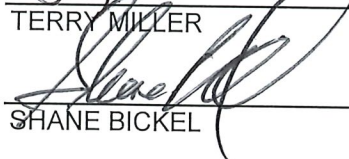
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - The annual meeting will be in July.

ITEM 25: ADJOURNMENT - Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.


ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY 2024:





KENDALL MICKLEY


TERRY MILLER


SHANE BICKEL



KEITH ELLER


JOHN STOECKLEY


BRIAN WARPUP

Absent on 06/24/24

PEYTON MILLER

ATTEST: 

JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

**ADDENDUM A - CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE WAGE & SALARY ORDINANCE
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - June 24, 2024**

| Type | From | To | Department | Position | Position Acct # | Effective Date | FUND |
|--------|---|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay \$19.60/hr | \$21.06/hr | Treasurer | Deputy (2 Full-time) | 11225 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay \$19.60/hr | \$21.06/hr | Assessor | Deputy (3 Full-time) | 11225 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay & Classification \$22.14/hr | \$25.84/hr | Superior Court | Court Administrator | 11548 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay & Classification \$22.14/hr | \$25.84/hr | Superior Court | Court Reporter | 11202 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay & Classification \$21.06/hr | \$23.38/hr | Superior Court | Judicial Assistant (3 Full-time) | 11428 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay & Classification \$22.14/hr | \$25.84/hr | Circuit Court | Court Reporter | 11202 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay & Classification \$21.06/hr | \$23.38/hr | Circuit Court | Bailiff | 11320 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay & Classification \$22.14/hr | \$25.84/hr | Circuit Court | (Court) Administrator | 11500 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay \$19.89/hr | \$21.06/hr | Probation | Administrator (Probation) | 11500 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay \$22.57/hr | 23.51/hr | Jail | PT Transport Officer | 11027 | 7/7/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay \$17.30/hr | \$19/hr | CH Custodians | Custodian (2 full-time) | 11455 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay \$17.30/hr | \$19/hr | CH Custodians | Custodian (1 part-time) | 11120 | 6/24/2024 | County General - 1000 |
| ADD | position change \$22.20/hr (Dispatcher) | \$22.99/hr | E911/Dispatch | From Dispatcher to Shift Supervisor (no "backfill") | 11625 | 7/7/2024 | PSAP - 4020 |
| ADD | Stipend - Legislation eff. 07/01/24 | \$2400/yr | Auditor | Specialty Pay | 12655 | Approved 6/24/2024; Eff. After 07/01/24 | Auditor's Ineligible Deduction - 1216 |
| CHANGE | Stipend - Legislation eff. 07/01/24 | \$1200 (\$600 twice/yr) | Clerk | PER DIEM (\$1200 MAY; \$1200 NOV) | 11250 | Approved 6/24/2024; Eff. After 07/01/24 | County General/Elections 1000-0104 |
| ADD | 1 full-time position | \$19.49/hr | Community Corrections | Release Specialist | 11178 | 6/24/2024 | SIMS Grant 8660 |
| ADD | 3 part-time positions | \$20.16/hr | Community Corrections | Pretrial Navigator (3 part-time) | 11123 | 6/24/2024 | SIMS Grant 8660 |
| ADD | Pool of On Call/Active positions | \$15/hr on-call time & \$60/hr active time | Community Corrections | Crisis Officer | 11129 | 6/24/2024 | SIMS Grant 8660 |
| ADD | 2 part-time positions | \$19/hr | Community Corrections | Court Support | 11125 | 6/24/2024 | SIMS Grant 8660 |

TO BE REFLECTED IN 2025 Budget Request

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--|--|----------------|--|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Change | MAX Rate of Pay \$21,287.77 annual | \$28,396 annual (\$1,092.15 bi-weekly) | Health Dept. | Public Health Officer | 11335 | JAN 2025 | HFI - 1161 (Health First Indiana) | EXEMPT |
| ADD | 1 full-time SRO * Permission to add this position will be decided by Council at the Budget Workshop | \$62,400 Annual plus any increase granted by Council | Sheriff/School | SRO (Shared with HCCSC) - if passed, brings to a total of 5) | 11335 | JAN 2025 or TBD | County General - 1000 | Non-Exempt |

