

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA  
NOVEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 18th day of November 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 November 7, 2024.

Council Members Present: Kendall Mickley, Terry Miller, Shane Bickel, Keith Eller, and John Stoeckley. Brian Warpup and Peyton Miller were 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 October 14, 2024 meeting. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2: Maddie Shultz, Outreach Specialist for the Huntington City-Township Public Library and Devon Henderson, Communications Specialist for the Huntington City-Township Public Library, appeared on behalf of Library Director Rebecca Lemons to share library data/statistics and to present a new Strategic Plan adopted by their Board.

ITEM 3: Consideration of Board Appointments - A notification of expiring County Council board appointments was advertised in the Huntington County TAB on 10/22/2024 and 10/29/2024, and also posted to the County Council webpage to request applications from citizens interested in serving the community. Several applications were received in the Auditor's office, and the applicants were contacted to invite them to appear at the County Council meeting. Applicants were informed that the Commissioners also had several open board appointments, and if they were not selected by Council, their application would be forwarded to the Commissioner's office for consideration.

ABC - Alcoholic Beverage Commission - 1 year term starting 01/01/2025.

The current appointee to ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Commission), Doyle Krieg, appeared before Council to request re-appointment to the ABC for 2025. He highlighted some of the meetings that he attended in the current year.

Nita E Endsley, a new applicant for the ABC, stepped to the podium to introduce herself to the Council members and she requested consideration as their appointment for the position.

David Wisialowski appeared before Council to introduce himself and express his interest in serving our community as a new applicant for the Council's appointment to ABC.

After Council discussion, John Stoeckley made a motion to re-appoint Doyle Krieg for another one-year term. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

PTABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals) - 1 year term - starting 01/01/2025.

Patti J. Kindler (Council's current appointee) and Les Howe (one of the Commissioner's current appointees) submitted applications for consideration of re-appointment to the PTABOA Board for 2025. Neither applicant was present. Terry Miller made a motion to re-appoint Patti Kindler as Council's appointee for 2025. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Huntington City-Township Public Library Board - Joint Appointment with Wells County - 4 year term starting 01/01/2025.

Council's current library board appointee Daryl Shrock requested consideration for reappointment to the Board, and David E. Ferguson, Sr. introduced himself to Council as a new applicant for consideration. After Council members talked with both candidates, Shane Bickel made a motion to reappoint Daryl Shrock to the Huntington City-Township Public Library Board. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Since this position requires a joint appointment with Wells County, the Auditor will submit the paperwork to the Wells County Auditor for consideration by their Council members.

Roanoke Public Library Board - 4 year term starting 01/01/2025.

Laura Sovine, the Council's current appointee to the Roanoke Public Library Board, submitted an application requesting reappointment to the Board. Terry Miller made a motion to re-appoint Laura for a 4-year term. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

City Economic Development Commission - 4 year term starting 02/01/2025.

Council's current appointee to the City Economic Development Commission submitted an application requesting consideration for reappointment, and David Wisialowski introduced himself as a new applicant for the position. After Council discussion, Keith Eller made a motion to reappoint Joel Jerabek for another 4 year term. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Auditor Jill Landrum restated that she would be forwarding the applications of unselected candidates to the Commissioners as the deadline for Commissioner board appointment applications would be November 22, 2024.

ITEM 4: Auditor Landrum presented Ordinance #2024-11-18 for adoption as the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Keith Eller made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 5: Solid Waste Controller Christi McElhaney presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation, as follows:

FROM: 01-23 Insurance Med/Disability	\$	3,005.00
TO: 01-13 Fiscal Officer	\$	3,005.00
FROM: 01-23 Insurance	\$	30.00
TO: 01-22 PERF	\$	30.00

FROM: 04-42 Capital \$ 13,000.00  
TO: 03-93 HHW Program \$ 13,000.00

FROM: 04-42 Capital \$ 1,500.00  
TO: 04-45 Site Development \$ 1,500.00

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Solid Waste transfer request. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 6: The Commissioners submitted a request for a Transfer of Appropriation of \$55,000.00 from budget line 1000.38550.00000.0068 Solid Waste Disposal to 1000.31110.00000.0068 Non-Contract Professional.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the transfer request. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 7: Sheriff Chris Newton submitted a revised request for Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$271,467.60 for the Jail's County General budget, as follows:

FROM: 1000.11330.00000.0380 - Special Deputies	\$ 217,467.60
TO: 1000.11203.00000.0380 - Jailers	\$ 197,189.00
1000.13500.00000.0380 - Transport Officer	\$ 40.60
1000.11031.00000.0380 - Part-time Jailers	\$ 6,124.00
1000.12600.00000.0380 - Holiday Pay	\$ 14,114.00
TOTAL:	\$ 217,467.60

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer request. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 8: The Sheriff also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$901.62 from the JCAP Fund budget line 9237.31100.00000.0000 Contract Professional to 9237.12300.00000.0000 Group Insurance.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfer request. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 9: The Sheriff also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$5,000.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.12000.00000.0005 Overtime to 1000.21402.00000.0005 Garage/Motor Supplies.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer request. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 10: Dispatch Director Tim Allen presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$14,000.00 in the E911 Fund, as follows:

FROM: 1222.32500.00000.0000 Travel Exp	\$ 6,000.00
1222.32300.00000.0000 Telephone	\$ 8,000.00
TO: 1222.44100.00000.0000 Equipment	\$ 14,000.00

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer request. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 11: Tim also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$35,000.00 from the PSAP Fund budget line 4020.11625.00000.0000 Dispatcher to 4020.12000.00000.0000 Overtime.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer request. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 12: IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson requested the following Transfers of Appropriation:

FROM: 1000.45100.00000.0106 - Office Equipment	\$	1,500.00
TO: 1000.44350.00000.0106 - Cameras	\$	1,500.00
FROM: 1000.45300.00000.0106 - Software Computer	\$	4,000.00
TO: 1000.24500.00000.0106 - Operating Supplies	\$	4,000.00
FROM: 1000.32500.00000.0106 - Travel Expenses	\$	5,000.00
TO: 1000.35200.00000.0106 - Leasing	\$	5,000.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfer request. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 13: JP Pietrowski, Extension Educator with the County Extension office, presented a request on behalf of the Huntington County Purdue Extension Director Ed Farris for a Transfer of Appropriation of \$800.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.21100.00000.0011 Office Supplies to 1000.33600.00000.0011 Mileage Reimbursement.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer request. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 14: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested Transfers of Appropriation in the MVH Fund, as follows:

FROM: 1176.36200.00000.0531 - Service Contracts	\$	1,910.71
TO: 1176.11124.00000.0531 - Seasonal Driver	\$	1,500.00
1176.22100.00000.0533 - Oils & Lubes	\$	410.71

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfer request. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 15: Troy also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$50,000.00 in the Cumulative Bridge Fund budget line 1135.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 16: Troy also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$100,000.00 in the Local Roads & Streets Fund budget line 1169.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 17: Seth Kissinger with Community Corrections presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation in the Project Income Fund 1122, as follows:

FROM:	1122.12300.00000.9612 Insurance	\$	6,000.00
	1122.36200.00000.9612 Service Contracts	\$	66.00
	TOTAL:	\$	6,066.00

TO:	1122.12100.00000.9612 Social Security	\$	2,000.00
	1122.12200.00000.9612 Retirement	\$	4,000.00
	1122.34500.00000.9612 Reimbursement	\$	66.00
	TOTAL:	\$	6,066.00

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer request. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 18: Seth also presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation in the IDOC Grant Fund 9316 - LOC 9632 (Residential/Work Release), as follows:

FROM:	9316.11111.00000.9632 Coordinator	\$	2,219.73
	9316.11174.00000.9632 Residential Living Sup	\$	3,050.28
	9316.12300.00000.9632 Insurance	\$	1,215.36
	9316.12600.00000.9632 Holiday Pay	\$	2,705.05
	9316.21420.00000.9632 Cleaning Supplies	\$	5,554.11
	TOTAL:	\$	14,744.53

TO:	9316.11239.00000.9632 Trans Team Manager	\$	800.00
	9316.36200.00000.9632 Service Contracts	\$	13,944.53
	TOTAL:	\$	14,744.53

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfer request. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 19: Seth also presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation in the IDOC Grant Fund 9316 - LOC 9612, as follows:

FROM:	9316.36200.00000.9612 Service Charges	\$	2,315.00
TO:	9316.11000.00000.9612 Director	\$	570.00
	9316.11005.00000.9612 Asst Director	\$	470.00
	9316.11108.00000.9612 Field Officer	\$	400.00
	9316.11111.00000.9612 Coordinator	\$	415.00
	9316.11515.00000.9612 Financial Data Analyst	\$	390.00
	9316.13020.00000.9612 Office Manager	\$	70.00
	TOTAL:	\$	2,315.00

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer request. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 20: Seth also presented a request for an Additional Appropriation of \$183,655.71 in the SIM Grant Fund 8660 budget lines, as follows:

8660.11123.00000.0000 Pretrial Navigator	\$	15,992.96
8660.11125.00000.0000 Court Support	\$	17,783.86
8660.11178.00000.0000 Release Specialist	\$	5,993.18
8660.12100.00000.0000 Soc Security	\$	28,150.99
8660.12200.00000.0000 Retirement	\$	9,585.30
8660.12300.00000.0000 Insurance	\$	1,949.06
8660.21100.00000.0000 Office Supplies	\$	1,648.99
8660.32500.00000.0000 Travel Expense	\$	19,022.81
8660.34300.00000.0000 Workers Comp	\$	4,103.29
8660.34510.00000.0000 Unemployment	\$	932.58
8660.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts	\$	78,492.69
TOTAL	\$	183,655.71

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 21: Council members reviewed and discussed the dates for the 2025 Council Meeting Schedule. Auditor Jill Landrum will finalize and distribute the schedule.

ITEM 22: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Hank Miller addressed the Council with a suggestion to allow Public Comment at the beginning of their meetings. He also shared concerns that people are using drugs in the bathrooms at the library; that the library has a toxic work environment; children are disrespectful to staff members; and that a long-term employee was dismissed.

ITEM 23: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Terry shared updated statistics about the program. They are pursuing several grants to cover the program expenses.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller was absent. There was no report given.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley indicated that the next meeting is in December.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - Nothing to report.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel reported that there was a meeting earlier in the day. Long term Youth Service Bureau Director, Jan Williams, will be retiring soon and Michelle Crone will be the new director. There will be an open house honoring Jan, on December 18, at 3-6pm.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller reported that the next meeting will be November 29th, at the Huntington University PLEX.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller reported that they had a meeting on October 30th, and the next meeting will be January 29, 2025. The county was awarded a State grant for salary reimbursement in the amount of \$41,694.82.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller - No meeting so nothing to report.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Miller was absent. No report was given.

HCUED - Kendall Mickley - Nothing to report.

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller indicated that nominations have been requested, but none have been received yet.

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - Nothing to report.

WHARMM - Peyton Miller was absent, but Terry Miller reported that there was a meeting hosted by Erik Long of Elevate Huntington. Terry indicated that we need to notify Erik of the new Council representative to serve in 2025, so they can be given the meeting schedule.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller reported on the YTD data for employee health benefits. We are currently at 95% of expected for medical and prescription claims.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Terry Miller attended the last meeting for Peyton Miller. Terry reported that the EMS service is currently fully staffed and they are 2nd in the region for response time.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley reported that the committee met and our dispatch will be changing from AT&T to digital by next February. He also mentioned that there will be some changes with Motorola.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - Nothing new to report.

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

ITEM 24: ADJOURNMENT - Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024:

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KENDALL MICKLEY

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KEITH ELLER

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TERRY MILLER

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JOHN STOECKLEY

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SHANE BICKEL

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ABSENT on 11-18-24  
BRIAN WARPUP

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ABSENT on 11-18-24  
PEYTON MILLER

ATTEST:

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JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

**These Minutes were approved on December 9, 2024. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office, located at 201 N. Jefferson St.**