

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
DECEMBER 9, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 9th day of December 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 28, 2024.

Council Members Present: Kendall Mickley, Terry Miller, Shane Bickel, Peyton Miller, Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, and Brian Warpup. Deputy Auditor Kim Heaston served as the recording secretary for the meeting, due to the absence of Auditor Jill Landrum.

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

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting. Keith Eller made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: LACE Director Jan Williams provided the annual recommendations for awards of LACE money totaling \$40,004.31. These funds are assessed by Superior Court for drug and alcohol fees, and then divided evenly between Administrative, Law Enforcement, Treatment, and Prevention categories.

As Jan prepared for retirement, she introduced Michelle Crone as the new LACE Director. Council members thanked Jan for her many years of service.

Jan also invited the Council members to attend the annual Christmas Open House at the Youth Services Bureau on December 11, 2024 at 11am - 1pm.

ITEM 3: Human Resource Director, Stefanie Barrioz presented a request on behalf of the Commissioners for a transfer of appropriation in the amount of \$13,645.00 from the LIT Economic Development budget line 1112.35400.00000.0000 Project 4 Discretionary to 1112.35110.00000.0000 Project 1 HCUED.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Stefanie also presented the Commissioner's request for Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$69,514.00 in their County General budget, as follows:

FROM: 1000.34300.00000.0068 - Workers Comp	\$	52,681.98
1000.12000.00000.0068 - Overtime	\$	14.00
1000.13100.00000.0068 - EAP	\$	580.00
1000.13400.00000.0068 - ACA Fees	\$	41.00
1000.31060.00000.0068 - Employ Immunizations	\$	2,398.88
1000.13250.00000.0068 - Wellness	\$	2,857.76
1000.38550.00000.0068 - Solid Waste/Landfill	\$	10,940.38
TOTAL:	\$	69,514.00

TO:	1000.12200.00000.0068 - PERF/Retirement	\$	58,000.00
	1000.12100.00000.0068 - Social Security	\$	11,500.00
	1000.13030.00000.0068 - Soil & Water Office Mgr.	\$	14.00
	TOTAL:	\$	69,514.00

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

ITEM 5: Tina Sills, the Matron for the Sheriff's Department, presented a request to transfer \$2,000.00 from the LIT Correctional budget line 1233.33515.00000.0380 Hospital & Medical to 1233.36200.00000.0380 Service Contracts.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the transfer. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Tina also presented the Sheriff's request to transfer \$1,009.74 from the JCAP Fund budget line 9237.31100.00000.00000 Contract Professional to 9237.21500.00000.00000 Supplies.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 7: Tina also presented the Sheriff's request for a Transfer of Appropriation in the department's County General budget, as follows:

FROM:	1000.12000.00000.0005 - Overtime	\$	480.00
TO:	1000.31110.00000.0005 - Noncontract - Professional	\$	480.00

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: County Clerk Shelley Septer requested to transfer \$1,487.95 from the Election & Registration budget line 1000.37000.00000.0104 Support General to 1000.12000.00000.0104 Overtime.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: A request for Transfers of Appropriation was presented on behalf of Superior Court Judge Jennifer Newton for her department's County General budget, as follows:

FROM:	1000.21100.00000.0201 - Office Supplies	\$	400.00
TO:	1000.21404.00000.0201 - Jury Supplies	\$	400.00
FROM:	1000.39100.00000.0201 - Transcripts	\$	3,000.00
TO:	1000.31800.00000.0201 - Interpreter	\$	3,000.00

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

ITEM 10: A request for Transfers of Appropriation was presented on behalf of Judge Newton & Drug Court Coordinator Erin Wiley for the 2024 Drug Court Grant budget, as follows:

FROM:	9604.12100.00000.9612 - Social Security	\$	600.00
	9604.12200.00000.9612 - Retirement	\$	200.00
	9604.12300.00000.9612 - Group Insurance	\$	500.00
	9604.34300.00000.9612 - Workers Comp	\$	1,000.00
	9604.31000.00000.9612 - Printing	\$	500.00
	TOTAL:	\$	2,800.00
TO:	9604.12000.00000.9612 - Overtime	\$	1,800.00
	9604.21100.00000.9612 - Office Supplies	\$	1,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$	2,800.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfers. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 11: A request for Transfers of Appropriation was also presented on behalf of Judge Newton and Erin Wiley for the 2024 Problem Solving Grant, as follows:

FROM:	9678.39800.00000.0000 - Misc. Service Chg.	\$	1,070.00
TO:	9678.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies	\$	400.00
	9678.22600.00000.0000 - Incentives	\$	670.00
	TOTAL:	\$	1,070.00

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

ITEM 12: Circuit Court Judge Davin Smith requested Transfers of Appropriation in the department's County General budget, as follows:

FROM:	1000.33015.00000.0232 - Jurors	\$	2,711.04
	1000.32500.00000.0232 - Travel Expenses	\$	1,320.71
	1000.31222.00000.0232 - Special Judges	\$	575.00
	1000.39100.00000.0232 - Transcripts	\$	13,000.00
	1000.11500.00000.0232 - Administrator	\$	2,232.24
	1000.11900.00000.0232 - Longevity	\$	300.00
	1000.39500.00000.0232 - Subscription & Dues	\$	40.00
	1000.36200.00000.0232 - Service Contracts	\$	1,975.00
	1000.32900.00000.0232 - Witness Fees	\$	2,000.00
	1000.12000.00000.0232 - Overtime	\$	2,500.00
	TOTAL:	\$	26,653.99

TO:	1000.31800.00000.0232 - Interpreter	\$	3,128.99
	1000.31105.00000.0232 - Atty-GAL-CHINS	\$	16,710.00
	1000.37210.00000.0232 - Atty Fees for Conflicts	\$	3,190.75
	1000.45500.00000.0232 - Law Books	\$	1,363.25
	1000.11320.00000.0232 - Bailiff	\$	2,261.00

TOTAL: \$ 26,653.99

FROM: 1000.31501.00000.0232 - Psychiatric & Physicians \$ 10,000.00

TO:	1000.11202.00000.0232 - Court Reporter	\$	3,626.50
	1000.45400.00000.0232 - Furniture	\$	5,200.00
	1000.37210.00000.0232 - Atty Fees for Conflicts	\$	173.50
	1000.24500.00000.0232 - Operating Supplies	\$	1,000.00

TOTAL: \$ 10,000.00

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfers. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 13: County Treasurer Brenda Hamilton requested Transfers of Appropriation in the department's County General budget, as follows:

FROM:	1000.11400.00000.0003 - Clerical	\$	63.03
	1000.21100.00000.0003 - Office Supplies	\$	508.58
	1000.32105.00000.0003 - Postage Meter	\$	0.20
	1000.32120.00000.0003 - Outsource - Tax Bills	\$	370.46
	1000.33600.00000.0003 - Mileage Reimbursement	\$	15.00
	1000.39500.00000.0003 - Subscription/Dues	\$	300.00
	1000.39800.00000.0003 - Misc. Service Chg.	\$	480.00
	1000.45100.00000.0003 - Office Equipment	\$	272.76

TOTAL: \$ 2,010.03

TO:	1000.11225.00000.0003 - Deputy	\$	1,847.00
	1000.12000.00000.0003 - Overtime	\$	163.03

TOTAL: \$ 2,010.03

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfers. Peyton seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Brenda also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the department's County General budget line 1000.11225.00000.0003 - Deputy.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 15: Financial Analyst Seth Kissinger of Community Corrections requested a Transfer of Appropriation from their budget line 9316.36200.00000.9632 - Service Contracts to 9316.12600.00000.9632 - Holiday in the amount of \$1,250.00.

Peyton Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 16: Discussion of Changes for the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance

- * Pay for Sheriff's officers working Special Event - Operation Trick or Treat held on October 28-30, 2024. Pay rate of \$60/hour. This is reimbursed to the County General Fund by the US Marshall Service.

ITEM 17: Shane Bickel made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 18: Brian Warpup made a motion to amended the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance to pay Sheriff's employees working the Special Event: Operation Trick or Treat on October 28-30, 2024, from Overtime budget line 1000.12000.00000.0005 at a rate of \$60/hour. The officers would be paid for this event on the December 27, 2024 payroll. The money spent to pay these officers was reimbursed to the County General Fund by the US Marshall Service. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 19: Peyton Miller made a motion to close the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 20: Discussion of Changes for the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance

- * To add Community Corrections staff
- * To amend Assessor's staff by changing one deputy position (11225) with Certification Pay of \$1,000, to a Chief Deputy position (11100) with a MAX PAY of \$47,334.95 and Certification Pay of \$1,000.

ITEM 21: Shane Bickel made a motion to open the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 22: Terry Miller made a motion to add the Community Corrections staff and wages to the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance, as presented. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 23: John Stoeckley motioned to amend the Assessor's staff in the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance by changing one of the deputy positions (11225) with Certification Pay of \$1,000.00; to a Chief Deputy position (11100) with a MAX PAY of \$47,334.95 and Certification Pay of \$1,000.00. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 24: Peyton Miller made a motion to close the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 25: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested Transfers of Appropriation in the Unrestricted MVH Fund budget, as follows:

FROM: 1176.36200.00000.0531 - Service Contracts	\$	800.00
TO: 1176.32300.00000.0530 - Telephone	\$	800.00

FROM: 1176.36200.00000.0531 - Service Contracts	\$	39,580.00
TO: 1176.37100.00000.0533 - Trash Removal	\$	580.00
1176.11310.00000.0531 - EO III	\$	39,000.00

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

ITEM 26: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested to transfer \$186.16 from the Health First Indiana budget line 1161.34510.00000.0000 - Unemployment to 1161.34300.00000.0000 - Workers Comp.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 27: Dispatch Director Tim Allen was not present, but a request was presented for a Transfer of Appropriation of \$12,000.00 from the PSAP Fund budget line 4020.11625.00000.0000 - Dispatcher to 4020.11120.00000.0000 - Part-time.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 28: County Surveyor Jerry Meehan was not present, but a request was presented for a Transfer of Appropriation of \$5,000.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.36200.00000.0006 - Service Contracts to 1000.35120.00000.0006 - Vehicle Repair.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 29: County Extension Director Ed Farris was not present but a request was presented for Transfers of Appropriation for the department's County General budget, as follows:

FROM: 1000.21100.00000.0011 - Office Supplies	\$	500.00
1000.32100.00000.0011 - Postage	\$	500.00
1000.32500.00000.0011 - Travel Expenses	\$	700.00
1000.36200.00000.0011 - Service Contracts	\$	400.00
TOTAL:		\$ 2,100.00

TO: 1000.33600.00000.0011 - Mileage Reimbursement	\$	2,100.00
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Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfers. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 30: Auditor Jill Landrum was not present, but a request was submitted to transfer \$545.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.36200.00000.0002 Service Contracts to 1000.24500.00000.0002 Operating Supplies to cover the increased cost in checks.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 31: Shane Bickel made a motion to give Auditor Jill Landrum permission to do Blanket Transfers to keep accounts out of the red at the end of the year. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 32: NEW/OLD BUSINESS: There was no new or old business discussed.

ITEM 33: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - No Meeting

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller - Working on new contract

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley - No Meeting

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - No Meeting

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel - Jan Williams spoke on End-of-Year, and presented LACE grant claims.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller - Lee Pasko will be President for next year.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller - No Meeting

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 - Nomination on Dec 18

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - No Meeting

WHARMM - Peyton Miller - No Meeting

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller - No Meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Miller - No Meeting

HCPD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley - No Meeting

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - No Meeting

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

ITEM 34: Peyton Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY 2025:

KENDALL MICKLEY

KEITH ELLER

TERRY MILLER

JOHN STOECKLEY

SHANE BICKEL

BRIAN WARPUP

Not Council member on 12-09-24

JAMIE HOTCHKISS

ATTEST:

JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR