

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA  
JANUARY 27, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 27th day of January 2025 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 *Plain Dealer* on January 15, 2025.

Council Members Present: Kendall Mickley, Terry Miller, Shane Bickel, Jamie Hotchkiss, Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, and Brian Warpup.

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

ITEM 1: An opportunity for Public Comment has was offered; however, no one chose to speak.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Terry Miller made a motion to re-appoint Kendall Mickley as Council President for 2025. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Kendall Mickley made a motion to re-appoint Terry Miller as Council Vice President for 2025. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: President Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting. Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the minutes. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Michelle Crone, Treasurer for LACE, requested a Budget Appropriation of \$80,000.00 for Fund 1148 - Drug Free Community in budget line 1148.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 5: Michelle Crone, Director of Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County, requested a Budget Appropriation of \$9,500.00 for Fund 9663 - GAL/CASA Building Capacity Grant budget line 9663.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contract.

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

ITEM 6: Michelle also requested a Budget Appropriation of \$40,000.00 for Fund 9667 - GAL/CASA Matching Grant budget line 9667.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contract.

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

ITEM 7: EMA Director Robert Jeffers requested an Appropriation of \$19,500.00 in the 2025 HMEP Grant budget line 8336.31300.00000.0000 - Commodity Flow Study.

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

ITEM 8: Drug Court Coordinator Erin Wiley submitted a request for an Appropriation of \$6,900.00 in the Drug Court User Fee fund, for the following budget lines:

2515.12000.00000.0000 - Overtime	\$	500.00
2515.21100.00000.0000 - Office Supplies	\$	500.00
2515.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Testing	\$	500.00
2515.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies (Graduation)	\$	300.00
2515.22600.00000.0000 - Incentives	\$	500.00
2515.31000.00000.0000 - Printing	\$	100.00
2515.32500.00000.0000 - Travel	\$	1,000.00
2515.39800.00000.0000 - Misc. Services	\$	500.00
2515.45100.00000.0000 - Office Equipment	\$	3,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	6,900.00

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

ITEM 9: Erin Wiley also requested an Appropriation of \$10,050.00 in the 2025 Problem-Solving Court Grant, for the following budget lines:

9711.22600.00000.0000 - Incentives	\$	2,000.00
9711.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Testing	\$	1,250.00
9711.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies	\$	500.00
9711.39800.00000.0000 - Misc. Services	\$	1,300.00
9711.32500.00000.0000 - Travel	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	10,050.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Appropriation. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 10: Erin Wiley also requested a Grant Appropriation Request of \$164,671.00 for the 2025 Drug Court Grant, for the following budget lines:

9605.11111.00000.9613 - Drug Court Coordinator	\$	70,755.00
9605.11347.00000.9613 - Drug Court Probation Officer	\$	28,314.00
9605.12100.00000.9613 - Social Security	\$	7,821.00
9605.12200.00000.9613 - Retirement	\$	14,614.00
9605.12300.00000.9613 - Insurance	\$	20,000.00
9605.12000.00000.9613 - Overtime	\$	2,500.00
9605.34300.00000.9613 - Workers Compensation	\$	1,500.00
9605.34510.00000.9613 - Unemployment	\$	200.00
9605.24500.00000.9613 - Operating Supplies	\$	500.00
9605.21900.00000.9613 - Drug testing	\$	2,348.00
9605.31000.00000.9613 - Printing	\$	250.00
9605.32500.00000.9613 - Travel Expense	\$	11,869.00
9605.22600.00000.9613 - Incentives	\$	1,000.00
9605.32301.00000.9613 - Cell Phone	\$	1,000.00
9605.39800.00000.9613 - Misc. Services	\$	2,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	164,671.00

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

ITEM 11: Drug Court Coordinator Erin Wiley requested an Appropriation of \$3,334.77 in the 2025 LACE - Drug Court Grant budget line 9689.22600.00000.0000 - Incentives.

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

ITEM 12: Chief Probation Officer Heather Malone requested an Appropriation of \$4,003.77 in the 2025 LACE - Probation Grant budget line 9688.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Test Supplies.

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

ITEM 13: Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested a transfer of \$300.00 from the Health First Indiana Fund budget line 1161.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts to 1161.11900.00000.0000 Longevity.

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

ITEM 14: Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested a Budget Appropriation of \$352,227.00 for the 2025 Community Corrections Grant Fund 9317, as follows:

9317.11000.00000.9613 Director	\$	75,584.28
9317.11005.00000.9613 Assistant Director	\$	62,129.60
9317.11108.00000.9613 Field Officer	\$	43,660.50
9317.11111.00000.9613 Coordinator	\$	46,059.00
9317.11515.00000.9613 Financial Data Analyst	\$	48,184.50
9317.13020.00000.9613 Office Manager	\$	40,677.00
9317.36200.00000.9613 Service Contracts	\$	35,932.12
TOTAL:	\$	352,227.00

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

ITEM 15: Leslie also requested a Budget Appropriation of \$235,000.00 for the 2025 Community Corrections - RESIDENTIAL WORK RELEASE Grant Fund 9317, as follows:

9317.11111.00000.9633 Coordinator	\$	46,059.00
9317.11174.00000.9633 Residential Living Supervisor	\$	58,916.00
9317.11239.00000.9633 Transition Team Manager	\$	48,193.60
9317.12100.00000.9633 Social Security	\$	4,507.07
9317.12200.00000.9633 Retirement	\$	8,366.07
9317.12300.00000.9633 Insurance	\$	40,313.36
9317.12600.00000.9633 Holiday Pay	\$	3,000.00
9317.21500.00000.9633 Supplies	\$	25,350.63
9317.34300.00000.9633 Workers Comp	\$	94.27
9317.34510.00000.9633 Unemployment	\$	200.00
Total	\$	235,000.00

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

ITEM 16: Leslie also requested a Budget Appropriation of \$574,170.23 for the 2025 Project Income Fund 1122, as follows:

1122.11336.00000.9613 Surveillance Officer	\$	33,206.16
1122.11515.00000.9613 Financial Data Analyst	\$	10,471.50
1122.11900.00000.9613 Longevity	\$	5,000.00
1122.12000.00000.9613 Overtime	\$	5,000.00
1122.12100.00000.9613 Social Security	\$	26,943.38
1122.12200.00000.9613 Retirement	\$	45,297.27
1122.12300.00000.9613 Group Insurance	\$	241,880.16
1122.21100.00000.9613 Office Supplies	\$	6,000.00
1122.21420.00000.9613 Cleaning Supplies	\$	1,750.00
1122.21500.00000.9613 Supplies	\$	7,000.00
1122.21515.00000.9613 Medical Supplies	\$	250.00
1122.21900.00000.9613 Drug Testing Supplies	\$	4,000.00
1122.31000.00000.9613 Printing	\$	6,000.00
1122.31315.00000.9613 Education Material & Programs	\$	3,000.00
1122.32100.00000.9613 Postage	\$	200.00
1122.32300.00000.9613 Telephone	\$	3,500.00
1122.32500.00000.9613 Travel Expense	\$	10,000.00
1122.34300.00000.9613 Workers Compensation	\$	4,902.34
1122.34510.00000.9613 Unemployment	\$	1,369.42
1122.35100.00000.9613 Utilities	\$	10,000.00
1122.36200.00000.9613 Service Contracts	\$	120,400.00
1122.44400.00000.9613 Data Process Equipment	\$	24,000.00
1122.45100.00000.9613 Office Equipment	\$	4,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	574,170.23

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

ITEM 17: Leslie also requested a Budget Appropriation of \$172,905.00 for Fund 9674 - 2025 Pretrial Services Grant, as follows:

9674.11111.00000.0000 Coordinator	\$	52,015.00
9674.11116.00000.0000 Pretrial Assistant Coordinator	\$	39,140.00
9674.12100.00000.0000 Social Security	\$	7,667.82
9674.12200.00000.0000 Retirement	\$	14,233.08
9674.12300.00000.0000 Insurance	\$	26,697.91
9674.21500.00000.0000 Supplies	\$	500.00
9674.21900.00000.0000 Drug Testing Supplies	\$	1,000.00
9674.32500.00000.0000 Travel Expense	\$	2,250.00
9674.34300.00000.0000 Workers Compensation	\$	996.30
9674.34510.00000.0000 Unemployment	\$	404.89
9674.36200.00000.0000 Service Contract	\$	28,000.00
Total	\$	172,905.00

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

ITEM 18: Leslie requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,000.00 in Fund 9316 Community Corrections for budget line 9316.36200.00000.9612 Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 19: Matron Tina Sills appeared on behalf of Sheriff Chris Newton to request an Appropriation of \$4,003.00 in the 2025 LACE Grant - Sheriff fund, for the following budget lines:

9690.39500.00000.0000 Subscriptions & Dues	\$	500.00
9690.44100.00000.0000 Equipment	\$	3,503.00
TOTAL	\$	4,003.00

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Grant Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM: 20 Tina also presented the Sheriff's request for an Additional Appropriation of \$140,167.63 in the JCAP Grant for the following budget lines:

9237.11033.00000.0000 Jail Inmate Advocate	\$	22,495.20
9237.12200.00000.0000 Perf	\$	3,194.32
9237.12300.00000.0000 Group Insurance	\$	5,469.49
9237.12100.00000.0000 Social Security	\$	1,720.88
9237.34510.00000.0000 Unemployment	\$	23.75
9237.34300.00000.0000 Workers Comp	\$	386.92
9237.21500.00000.0000 Supplies	\$	98,877.07
9237.24500.00000.0000 Operating Supplies	\$	8,000.00
Total	\$	140,167.63

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

ITEM 21: There was discussion of proposed changes for the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance for Community Corrections and the Clerk. This included amending Community Correction's Financial Data Analyst payline 9317.11515.00000.9613 from Exempt, to Non-Exempt retroactively to January 1, 2025; and changing the pay rate for the position to \$24.71/hr, effective 01/28/25. It was also proposed to amend the 2nd & 3rd Transition Team Manager positions for Community Corrections to be paid from 8760.11239.00000.00000 instead of 9317.11239.00000.9633, effective January 1, 2025. Their rate of pay would not be changed. The proposed change for the Clerk, was to amend the Clerk's total Certification Pay from \$6,400 to \$5,200, due to 2025 being a non-election year.

ITEM 22: Keith Eller made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 23: Terry Miller made a motion to approve the changes to the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance for Community Corrections, as presented. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 24: Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance change for the Clerk, as presented. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed.

ITEM 25: Jamie Hotchkiss made a motion to close the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 26: This item was removed from the Agenda and will be addressed at a future meeting.

ITEM 27: The following Encumbrances were presented for Council's Approval:

**O'DONNELL CENTER ENCUMBRANCES**

1000.36101.00000.9620	Repair/Maintenance - Full Service Mech	\$	7,323.35
1000.36101.00000.9620	Repair/Maintenance - Conserv (Jones Control)	\$	555.00
1000.36101.00000.9620	Repair/Maintenance - NovaTek	\$	1,706.61
1000.35120.00000.9620	Vehicle Repair/Service - Ambler Service & Repair	\$	347.84
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	9,932.80

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ENCUMBRANCES**

1000.32100.00000.0005	Postage - Pitney Bowes	\$	2,300.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	2,300.00

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ENCUMBRANCES**

1000.21100.00000.0005	Office Supplies - Amazon	\$	263.51
1000.21100.00000.0005	Office Supplies - CDW DIRECT	\$	391.36
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	654.87

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - 2024 LACE GRANT ENCUMBRANCES**

9687.44100.00000.0000	Equipment - DFE LLC	\$	1,095.20
9687.44100.00000.0000	Equipment - Amazon	\$	709.03
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	1,804.23

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY LIT ENCUMBRANCES**

1170.32019.00000.0380	Jail Building Repair - Full Service Mechanical	\$	25,692.91
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	25,692.91

**JAIL ENCUMBRANCES**

1000.32020.00000.0380	Extradition - JAIL Commissary	\$	<del>2,216.54</del>
	<b>*Amended by Auditor</b>	\$	1,968.10
1000.32020.00000.0380	Extradition - Adams County	\$	1,162.50
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	<del>3,379.04</del>
	<b>*AMENDED TOTAL:</b>	\$	<b>3,130.60</b>

**JAIL - LIT ENCUMBRANCES**

1233.33515.00000.0380	Hospital & Medical - QCC	\$	7,570.19
1233.33515.00000.0380	Hospital & Medical - QCC	\$	2,470.82
1233.33515.00000.0380	Hospital & Medical - Diamond Drugs Inc.	\$	47.16
1233.33515.00000.0380	Hospital & Medical - Diamond Drugs Inc.	\$	14.72
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	10,102.89

**JAIL - LIT ENCUMBRANCES**

1233.33520.00000.0380	Meals for Prisoners - Gordon Foods	\$	2,276.23
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1233.33520.00000.0380	Meals for Prisoners - Gordon Foods	\$	98.50
1233.33520.00000.0380	Meals for Prisoners - Good Source	\$	180.00
1233.33520.00000.0380	Meals for Prisoners - Schenkel's	\$	345.84
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$ 2,900.57

**COMMISSIONER'S CEDIT ENCUMBRANCES**

1112.35400.00000.0000	CEDIT PROJECT 4 - VS Engineering	\$	2,550.00
1112.35400.00000.0000	CEDIT PROJECT 4 - VS Engineering	\$	1,125.00
1112.35400.00000.0000	CEDIT PROJECT 4 - VS Engineering	\$	7,950.00
1112.35400.00000.0000	CEDIT PROJECT 4 - VS Engineering	\$	2,340.00
1112.35400.00000.0000	CEDIT PROJECT 4 - Lochmueller Group	\$	23,696.70
1112.35400.00000.0000	CEDIT PROJECT 4 - Warren Project	\$	90,000.00
1112.35401.00000.0000	CEDIT PROJECT 4 - Project D.B.	\$	75,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$ 202,661.70

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS' ENCUMBRANCES**

1122.32500.00000.9612	Travel Expense - Justin Yohe	\$	39.73
1122.21500.00000.9612	Supplies - The Desk	\$	831.74
9316.21500.00000.9632	Supplies - Snyder Food Services	\$	72.00
9316.21500.00000.9632	Supplies - The Desk	\$	2,679.95
9316.21100.00000.9632	Office Supplies - The Desk	\$	1,218.43
9316.21900.00000.9632	Drug Testing Supplies - The Desk	\$	1,748.94
9316.27500.00000.9632	Materials - The Desk	\$	2,994.29
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$ 9,585.08

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS' ENCUMBRANCES**

9673.36200.00000.0000	Service Contracts - BBGW	\$	1,236.00
9673.36200.00000.0000	Service Contracts - Justin R Wall LLC	\$	412.00
9673.36200.00000.0000	Service Contracts - Whitehurst Law Office	\$	206.00
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<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$ 3,708.00

Jamie Hotchkiss made a motion to approve the Encumbrances. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 28: NEW/OLD BUSINESS: There was no new or old business discussed.

ITEM 29: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES for 2025:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Leslie Rentschler gave an update on Community Corrections. She also stated that she was waiting on the 2025 SIM Award. This is the last year for Catalyst (grant) funding. A Volunteer Appreciation event was scheduled for Thursday, January 30th @ 1:30 PM in the chapel.

SOLID WASTE - Brian Warpup - Next meeting to be February 10, 2025.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley - Nothing to report.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - There will be upcoming Job Class meeting to discuss Dispatch.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel reported that they had a meeting earlier in the day, and there was a speaker from the Bowen Center providing an update on new programs.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller indicated that the next meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 at Onward.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller reported that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller - Nothing to report.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Jamie Hotchkiss - N/A

HCUED - Kendall Mickley reported that the next meeting would be the 2nd Tuesday of February.

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller - Nothing to report.

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - Nothing to report.

WHARMM - Jamie Hotchkiss - Nothing to report. Auditor Jill Landrum will provide Jamie's contact information to Erik Long.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller reported that we are currently at 93.1% expected and that runs through January. He also reported that Dental Insurance is 19% in the red.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Jamie Hotchkiss - Nothing to report. Auditor Jill Landrum will provide Jamie's contact information to the EMS Advisory Board.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley indicated that the committee met and we are getting closer to fiber replacing copper.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - Jill is attending training at upcoming Conference.

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

MARKLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) - Brian Warpup is Council's

ITEM 30: At 7:39pm, Terry Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Hotchkiss seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.



ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025:

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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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BRIAN WARPUP

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JAMIE HOTCHKISS

ATTEST:

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JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR