

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
APRIL 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 24th day of April 2023, 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 April 12, 2023.

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

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 March 27, 2023 meeting. Council member Peyton Pike clarified that Item 22. of the minutes, under SOLID WASTE, it reflected that there was no meeting; however, there was nothing new to report. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Katy Hudson from the Humane Society provided a recap of Quarter 1 services provided to the county for animal control.

ITEM 3: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested Transfers of Appropriation in Fund 1176 - MVH, as follows:

FROM: 1176.23100.00000.0533 - Tires	\$	1,025.00
TO: 1176.34100.00000.0533 - Bonds	\$	25.00
1176.36050.00000.0533 - Garage/Serv Bldg.	\$	1,000.00
FROM: 1176.11900.00000.0531 - Longevity	\$	200.00
TO: 1176.11900.00000.0530 - Longevity	\$	200.00

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

ITEM 4: Troy also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$20,000.00 from MVH Fund 1176 budget line 1176.27505.00000.0531 - Calcium & Salts to 1176.27515.00000.0531 - Asphalts.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Commissioner President Rob Miller requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$782.00 from Fund 8950 - ARPA budget line 8950.11239.00000.0000 - Transition Team Manager to 8950.11900.00000.0000 - Longevity.

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

ITEM 6: Commissioner Miller also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$8,000.00 for the Commissioner's County General budget line 1000.31110.00000.0068 - Non-Contract Professional.

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

Commissioner Miller indicated that he had a recent discussion with Council President Mickley about a possible adjustment to the Cumulative Bridge and Cumulative Courthouse rates for 2024. Further discussion on the topic was slated for New/Old Business.

He then discussed that starting in 2026 the County should receive Economic Development payments between \$2-3 million dollars over five years from the solar projects. They are thinking they could use some of that money on capital projects at Victory Noll, the Annex, or the Courthouse. He also mentioned that 911 Dispatch is paying \$1,000 per month for utilities at the O'Donnell Center and when writing for 2024 grants, Community Corrections is asking for \$1800 - \$2200 per month in utility expenses to help share those expenses at the O'Donnell Center. If they can not get it through the grants, the Commissioners have asked them to use their Project Income fund to help offset the expenses. Also, Commissioners Wall and Miller are going to talk to Parkview Behavior Health to see if they need extra space that would result in extra rent dollars.

Commissioner Miller also discussed the ARPA funds and how Barnes & Thornburg was hired to review our plan for spending ARPA money. The spending is overseen by Commissioner's Secretary Bridgett Burkhart, Grant Writer Aliza Tourkow, and Auditor Jill Landrum.

ITEM 7: Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$400 from Fund 8659 - 2023 SIM Grant budget line 8659.11111.00000.0000 - Coordinator to 8659.11190.00000.0000 - Longevity.

Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: Leslie also requested an Additional Appropriation totaling \$3,115.50 for Fund 9316 - Community Corrections, for the following budget lines:

9316.11111.00000.9630 - Coordinator	\$	711.38
9316.11174.00000.9630 - Residential Living Supervisor	\$	923.07
9316.11239.00000.9630 - Transition Team Manager	\$	1,269.24
9316.12300.00000.9630 - Group Insurance	\$	211.81
TOTAL	\$	3,115.50

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: Leslie also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,480.07 for Fund 9671 - 2022 Pretrial Grant, for the following budget lines:

9671.11116.00000.0000 - Pretrial Assistant Coordinator	\$	865.38
9671.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$	60.22
9671.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement	\$	122.88
9671.12300.00000.0000 - Group Insurance	\$	431.59
TOTAL	\$	1,480.07

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

ITEM 10: Sheriff Chris Newton requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$5,510.00 from Fund 1233 - LIT Correctional Facility budget line 1233.33520.00000.0380 Meals to 1233.36200.00000.0380 Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 11: Sheriff Newton also requested an Appropriation of \$5,000.00 for Fund 9120 - Marathon Community Investment Program Grant budget line 9120.44100.00000.0000 - Equipment to purchase emergency binoculars and range finders.

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

ITEM 12: Sheriff Newton and Deputy Carter Horne explained that the grant funding through CHIRP (formerly known as Operation Pull-over) now allows for the rate of pay for officers participating in the CHIRP Traffic Safety enforcement blitzes to be increased from time and a half, to double time. Sheriff Newton requested that Council change the pay for off-duty officers working these blitzes to be paid double time.

Dispatch Director Tim Allen discussed the responsibilities of entering warrants into the IDACS system. In the past, the dispatchers have been performing this duty; however, after the dispatch center was moved to the O'Donnell Center, it became problematic to pass the warrants between the Sheriff's Department and the Dispatch Center. The best solution was to designate and certify the two (2) office deputies at the Jail and also the Matron to have these responsibilities. In order to compensate the employees for the new certification, Tim and Sheriff Newton requested that Council implement a Certification pay of \$0.75 per hour for each of the positions. The certification pay would be for the Matron (1000.11306.00000.0380), and two (2) Office Deputies (1000.11565.00000.0380), and would be effective April 30, 2023.

ITEM 13: Peyton Pike made a motion to open the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Shane Bickel made a motion to increase the pay rate of Sheriff's department officers working the CHIRP Traffic Safety enforcement blitzes from the current pay rate of time and a half, to double time, effective 04/30/2023. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 15: Keith Eller made a motion to change the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance, effective April 30, 2023, by adding certification pay (acct #12650) for the Matron and two (2) office deputies at the Jail, at a rate of \$0.75 per hour. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 16: Peyton Pike made a motion to close the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Sheriff Chris Newton mentioned that the contract with the US Marshalls for housing federal prisoners was signed and submitted earlier in the day. The county will receive \$75 per day for each federal prisoner and \$30 per hour for each transport guard, with a 2 guard requirement. The county will also receive \$0.66/mile for transporting the prisoners.

ITEM 17: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested Transfers of Appropriation in the Health Fund 1159, as follows:

FROM:	1159.31100.00000.0610 - Contract Professionals	\$	500.00
	1159.21200.00000.0610 - Computer Supplies	\$	300.00
TO:	1159.31110.00000.0610 - Non-contract Prof.	\$	500.00
	1159.21100.00000.0610 - Office Supplies	\$	300.00

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

ITEM 18: Phil Hibbert, the Facility Manager at the O'Donnell Center, was unable to attend so Council President Kendall Mickley presented a request for a Transfer of Appropriation on his behalf. The transfer of \$6,500.00 was from the department's County General Fund budget line 1000.39205.00000.9620 - Landscape to 1000.24500.00000.9620 - Operating Supplies.

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

ITEM 19: Auditor Jill Landrum presented the following Encumbrance to Council for approval:

CLERK - COUNTY GENERAL FUND

1000.37000.00000.0104	Support General	\$	9,430.00
	TOTAL	\$	9,430.00

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

ITEM 20: Auditor Jill Landrum discussed the open position in her office and requested that Council change the position from part-time to full-time.

Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the request to hire a full time person. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 21: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Miller and Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler discussed the Wheel tax and there was a consensus by Council to leave the rates the same for 2024.

There was further discussion of lowering the tax rate for Cumulative Bridge and increasing the tax rate of Cumulative Courthouse for 2024. Council had a consensus to adjust the rates so that the Cumulative Courthouse Fund will receive approximately \$150,000 more, and the Cumulative Bridge Fund will receive approximately \$150,000 less. There would not be any increase to the overall rate.

Council discussed the COLA for 2024 and there was a consensus for departments to budget for a 3% incentive/wage increase, and then Council will review further during the budget workshop.

ITEM 22: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTION COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Director Leslie Rentschler was present and provided an update on the program. There are currently 169 in the Community Corrections program and 4 of these are in the Work Release program. There was a new bill recently passed that allowed for four additional placements to qualify for the program.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike mentioned that they had a meeting and discussed that the gate at the West Park location is not closing correctly so they are checking into it.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley reported that there will be a meeting in June.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - One of the positions in the Prosecutor's office is changing from 31.50 hours per week to 37.50 hours per week.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel indicated that they had a Roundtable meeting with a lot of information and updates shared.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller reported that the last meeting was at the Vocational Center and they are looking at expanding again.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller shared that there are two upcoming exercises. One will be held at the Huntington Township Fire Department on May 9th @ 6-8pm with a training exercise on fire & law enforcement; and the other will be a Full Scale Exercise at Helena on May 10th from 9am - 1pm.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller stated that the last meeting was canceled.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Pike - No meeting.

HCUED - Kendall Mickley shared that there is a lot of good stuff going on.

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

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - No meeting.

WHARMM - Peyton Pike - No meeting.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller - No meeting.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Pike - No meeting.

HCPD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley - No meeting.


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

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - They held annual meeting and the closing for the sale of Norwood's property will be soon.

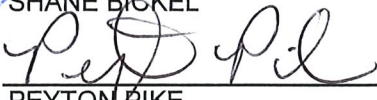
ITEM 23: ADJOURNMENT - Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY 2023:


KENDALL MICKLEY


TERRY MILLER


SHANE BICKEL



PEYTON PIKE

ATTEST:


JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR


KEITH ELLER


JOHN STOECKLEY


BRIAN WARPUP