

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
OCTOBER 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 16th day of October 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 October 04, 2023.

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

Council Vice President Terry Miller called the meeting to order. Keith Eller gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Vice President Terry Miler asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the August 14, 2023 meeting. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 2: Auditor Jill Landrum presented Resolution 2023-10-16A 2023 COMMITMENT NOT TO SPEND - General Fund, totaling \$165,893.00. John Stoeckley made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3: Christi McElhaney presented the 2024 Solid Waste budget totaling \$420,595.00 as Resolution 2023-10-16B. Peyton Pike made a motion to adopt RES #2023-10-16B. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 4: Auditor Jill Landrum presented Resolution 2023-10-16C for the 2024 Huntington County Budget. The 2024 General Budget totaled \$16,955,712.00 and the budgets for Special Funds totaled \$15,668,958.00, for a total of \$32,624,670.00. Shane Bickel made a motion to adopt the 2024 Huntington County Budget. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 5: EMA Director Robert Jeffers appeared with Deputy Director Thomas Fuller to present four transfer requests.

A transfer of \$594.00 from budget line 1000.21402.00000.0302 Garage/Motor Supplies to 1000.35120.00000.0302 Vehicle-Repair/Service was requested.

Also requested was a transfer of \$1179.00 from budget line 1000.24500.00000.0302 Operating Supplies to 1000.35120.00000.0302 Vehicle - Repair/Service.

A transfer of \$215.00 was also requested from budget line 1000.21500.00000.0302 Supplies to 1000.31300.00000.0302 Education/Training.

Lastly, there was a transfer request of \$55.00 from budget line 1000.21402.00000.0302 Garage/Motor Supplies to 1000.35120.00000.0302 Vehicle/Repair Service.

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

ITEM 6: Prior to presenting his request to Council, Coroner Rod Jackson along with Sheriff Chris Newton asked for a moment of silence for Gene Spencer, a courthouse security officer who recently passed away.

Coroner Jackson requested a Transfer of Appropriation totaling \$2,800.00, for the department's County General Fund, as follows:

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| FROM: | 1000.44200.00000.0007 - Radio Equipment | \$ | 1,800.00 |
| | 1000.44300.00000.0007 - Investigation Equipment | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| TO: | 1000.35120.00000.0007 - Vehicle - Repair/Service | \$ | 2,800.00 |

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

- ITEM 7: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested an Additional Appropriation of \$40,000.00 for the Health Fund budget line 1159.45600.00000.0610 Vehicles to purchase a new truck for the department including side steps and a tonneau cover for the vehicle.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- ITEM 8: Brian also requested Additional Appropriations totaling \$153,663.82 in the Lead & Tobacco Cessation Grant fund 8904, for the following budget lines:

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| 8904.31100.00000.9661 | Contract Professional - Tobacco | \$ | 53,652.90 |
| 8904.32000.00000.9661 | Advertising - Tobacco | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| 8904.32500.00000.9661 | Travel Expense - Tobacco | \$ | 3,500.00 |
| 8904.32400.00000.9661 | Conference Fees - Tobacco | \$ | 2,664.37 |
| 8904.32300.00000.9661 | Telephone - Tobacco | \$ | 750.00 |
| 8904.24500.00000.9661 | Operating Supplies - Tobacco | \$ | 41,081.47 |
| 8904.32500.00000.9662 | Travel Expense - Lead | \$ | 500.00 |
| 8904.31100.00000.9662 | Contract Professional - Lead | \$ | 11,209.36 |
| 8904.44110.00000.9662 | Misc. Equipment - Lead | \$ | 6,040.09 |
| 8904.24500.00000.9662 | Operating Supplies - Lead | \$ | 750.00 |
| 8904.32500.00000.9663 | Travel Exp - Lead Case Mgmt. | \$ | 396.80 |
| 8904.32000.00000.9663 | Advertising - Lead Case Mgmt. | \$ | 4,326.80 |
| 8904.31100.00000.9663 | Contract Prof - Lead Case Mgmt. | \$ | 6,833.77 |
| 8904.44110.00000.9663 | Misc. Equip - Lead Case Mgmt. | \$ | 3,716.32 |
| 8904.24500.00000.9663 | Op Supplies - Lead Case Mgmt. | \$ | 8,241.94 |
| Total | | \$ | 153,663.82 |

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- ITEM 9: Brian Trueblood also requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$3,000.00 in the Health Fund 1159, as follows:

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| FROM: | 1159.11520.00000.0610 - Nurse | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| TO: | 1159.12000.00000.0610 - Overtime | \$ | 1,750.00 |
| | 1159.21100.00000.0610 - Office Supplies | \$ | 750.00 |
| | 1159.25000.00000.0610 - Environmental Expenses | \$ | 500.00 |
| Total | | \$ | 3,000.00 |

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

ITEM 10: This item was removed from the Agenda.

ITEM 11: IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson requested to transfer \$50,000.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.36201.00000.0106 - Hardware Maintenance to 1000.36205.00000.0106 Software Maintenance Contract.

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

Joakim also requested to transfer \$7,500 from budget line 1000.36201.00000.0106 Hardware Maintenance Contract to 1000.35200.00000.0106 Equipment Leasing.

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

ITEM 12: Circuit Court Judge Davin Smith was absent, so Councilman Brian Warpup read an e-mail from the judge regarding the Additional Appropriation that he requested for \$5,000.00 in the department's County General budget line 1000.32900.00000.0232 Witness Fees.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 13: Discussion of proposed changes to the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance:

Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested to change the fund for payroll payment of the Pre-Trial Asst. Coordinator from budget line 8658.11116.00000.0000 (SIM Grant Round 3) to 9672.11116.00000.0000 (2023 Pretrial Grant) at same MAX rate of \$19.48 per hour, effective October 1, 2023.

Leslie also requested to change the funds for payroll payment of the Pre-Trial Program Coordinator from budget line 8659.11111.00000.0000 (SIM Grant Round 4) to 9672.11111.00000.0000 (2023 Pretrial Grant) at same MAX annual rate of \$50,000, effective October 1, 2023.

Leslie also requested to change the funds for payroll payment of two (2) Transition Team Managers from budget line 8950.11239.00000.0000 (ARPA) to 8760.11239.00000.0000 (Community Catalyst Grant) at same MAX rate of \$21.63 per hour, effective September 17, 2023.

ITEM 14: Shane Bickel made a motion to open the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 15: Brian Warpup made a motion to change the fund for payroll payment of the Community Corrections Pre-Trial Asst. Coordinator from budget line 8658.11116.00000.0000 (SIM Grant Round 3) to 9672.11116.00000.0000 (2023 Pretrial Grant) at same MAX rate of \$19.48 per hour, effective October 1, 2023. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 16: Shane Bickel made a motion to change the funds for payroll payment of the Community Corrections Pre-Trial Program Coordinator from budget line 8659.11111.00000.0000 (SIM Grant Round 4) to 9672.11111.00000.0000 (2023 Pretrial Grant) at same MAX annual rate of \$50,000, effective October 1, 2023. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 17: Peyton Pike made a motion to change the funds for payroll payment of two (2) Community Corrections Transition Team Managers from budget line 8950.11239.00000.0000 (ARPA) to 8760.11239.00000.0000 (Community Catalyst Grant) at same MAX rate of \$21.63 per hour, effective September 17, 2023. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 18: Peyton Pike made a motion to close the 2023 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 19: Purdue Extension Director Ed Farris requested Transfers of Appropriation in the department's County General budget, as follows:

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| FROM: 1000.21100.00000.0011 Office Supplies | \$ | 600.00 |
| 1000.32100.00000.0011 Postage | \$ | 600.00 |
| 1000.32500.00000.0011 Travel Expenses | \$ | 600.00 |
| TO: 1000.33600.00000.0011 Mileage Reimbursement | \$ | 1,800.00 |

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

ITEM 20: Chief Probation Officer Heather Malone requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$7,600.00 from the department's County General fund budget line 1000.11345.00000.0274 - Deputy Probation Officer to 1000.12000.00000.0274 - Overtime.

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

ITEM 21: Sheriff Chris Newton requested a transfer of \$299,728.80 from the Jail's County General budget line 1000.11330.00000.0380 - Special Deputies to 1000.11203.00000.0380 - Jailers.

Sheriff Chris Newton also requested a transfer of \$1,260.00 from the Jail's County General budget line 1000.11330.00000.0380 - Special Deputies to 1000.12650.00000.0380 - Certification.

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

ITEM 22: Drug Court Director Erin Wiley requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,300.00 in the Drug Court User Fees Fund 2515, as follows:

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| 2515.45100.00000.0000 - Office Equipment | \$ | 1,200.00 |
| 2515.21411.00000.0000 - Food | \$ | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 1,300.00 |

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 23: Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested an Additional Appropriation of \$10,000.00 in the Community Coordinator Grant Fund 9320 for budget line 9320.44100.00000.0000 Equipment.

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

ITEM 24: Leslie requested a transfer of \$1,000.00 in the 2023 SIM Grant (Justice Addition Grant) Fund 8659 from budget line 8659.12300.00000.0000 - Insurance to 8659.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security.

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

ITEM 25: Leslie requested a transfer of \$4,000.00 in the 2023 Pretrial Services Grant Fund 9672 from budget line 9672.12200.00000.0000 Retirement to 9672.12300.00000.0000 Insurance.

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

ITEM 26: Leslie requested a transfer of \$5,000.00 in the Project Income Fund 1122 from budget line 1122.44400.00000.9611 Data Processing to 1122.45100.00000.9611 Office Equipment.

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

ITEM 27: Auditor Jill Landrum requested Transfers of Appropriation in the department's County General budget, as follows:

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| FROM: | 1000.11120.00000.0002 - Part-time | \$ | 2,794.99 |
| | 1000.11200.00000.0002 - Chief Deputy | \$ | 1,559.00 |
| | Total | \$ | 4,353.99 |
| TO: | 1000.11225.00000.0002 - Deputy | \$ | 2,200.00 |
| | 1000.33600.00000.0002 - Mileage Reimbursement | \$ | 500.00 |
| | 1000.32500.00000.0002 - Travel Expense | \$ | 1,653.99 |
| | Total | \$ | 4,353.99 |

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

ITEM 28: Auditor Jill Landrum requested an Additional Appropriation of \$226.87 in the County Elected Officials Training Fund budget line 1217.34264.00000.0000 - Auditors Expenses.

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

ITEM 29: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Doyle Krieg, the current Board Appointee for the Alcoholic Beverage Board provided notes on the activities of the Board. Auditor Jill Landrum discussed the Board Appointment positions that will be expiring at the end of 2023. She will place an ad in the Huntington Tab for the vacancies.

Jill discussed the 4-H Tax Rate and the oversight that occurred when advertising for the 2024 budget. She will put this matter on the November Council agenda for further discussion.

Council Vice President Terry Miller suggested that other Council Members attend the future Indiana County Council Association meetings/conferences, as they are very informative and valuable for Council members in doing their jobs.

ITEM 30: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTION COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Leslie gave an update on the work release program. They have had 18 residents since they launched the program in December 2022, with eight successful closures, and 5 unsuccessful closures. Year-to-date for 2023 Community Corrections participants is 643.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike reported business as usual with nothing new.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley indicated that there was nothing to report from the last meeting. Terry Miller stated that Matt Brinkman the 3-A Regional Director was in the Commissioners meeting helping them with OCRA Grants.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - No meeting and nothing to report.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel reported that there was a LACE meeting earlier in the day, and grant applications were due at noon. They have around \$45,000 to distribute as grant awards.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller was out of town and missed the last meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller reported that there was no meeting, and nothing to report. The next meeting is October 19th.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller - There was an applicant to put in a business near Mt Etna and the Plan Commission voted against it. The situation was taken to the Commissioners at their meeting, and they also turned it down.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Pike reported that there was no meeting.

HCUED - Kendall Mickley - Absent - no report

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller reported that they are looking for sponsors for the Holiday dinner.

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley reported that there was no meeting.

WHARMM - Peyton Pike reported that there was no meeting.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller reported that there was no meeting.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Pike reported that there was no meeting and she will not be able to attend the next meeting on November 16th @ 8am. She will send the meeting information to Terry Miller so that he can attend.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley - Absent - no report

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

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

ITEM 31: Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023:

Absent 10-16-2023

KENDALL MICKLEY

T. Miller

TERRY MILLER

absent

SHANE BICKEL

absent

PEYTON PIKE

Keith Eller

KEITH ELLER

John Stoeckley

JOHN STOECKLEY

B. W. Warpup

BRIAN WARPUP

ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum

JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

