

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA  
JULY 25, 2022 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 25th day of July 2022, 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 July 13, 2022.

Council Members present: Kendall Mickley, Kittie Keiffer, Shane Bickel, Terry Miller, Peyton Pike, John Stoeckley, and Keith Eller.

The meeting was called to order by President Kendall Mickley. Keith Eller gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the June 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Kittie Keiffer then made a motion to approve the June 25, 2022 minutes. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Christi McElhaney, Solid Waste Controller, requested an Additional Appropriation of \$117,000.00 for budget line 001-01-04-45 Site Development. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Dr. Matt Pflieger, Health Officer, requested a transfer of \$1,600 from the Indiana Local Health Department Trust Fund budget line 9123.31200.000.0000 Rent, Utilities & Maintenance to 9123.31110.000.0000 Non-Contract Professional. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this transfer. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Auditor Jill Landrum updated Council about a change to budget line items in Fund 9661 Juvenile Detention Alternative. Council adopted the budget for this fund at the June 27 meeting, but after further discussion with the Grant Coordinator it was determined that budget lines should be changed to replace the last four digits (0000) of each budget line with (9651) to reflect the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Cycle.

ITEM 5: Auditor Jill Landrum spoke on behalf of IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson to request an Additional Appropriation of \$50,000.00 for the CCIS budget line 1000.36205.000.0106 Software Maintenance Contract. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve this request. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Auditor Jill Landrum spoke on behalf of Coroner Rod Jackson to request an Additional Appropriation of \$25,000.00 for the Coroner's budget line item 1000.31100.000.0007 Contract Professionals. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 7: Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, requested an Additional Appropriation of \$25,000.00 for the MVH fund budget line 1176.27525.000.0531 Culverts & Pipes. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$75,000.00 for the Local Road & Street budget line 1169.36200.000.0000 Contract Services to cover engineering fees. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy also requested a transfer of \$2,500 from the MVH budget line 1176.37025.000.0531 Drainage Assessment to 1176.31300.000.0530 Education/Training. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy requested a transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Cum Bridge budget line 1135.49900.000.0000 Equipment to 1135.27500.000.0000 Materials. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy also requested a transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Local Road & Street budget line 1169.49000.000.0000 LRS Equipment to 1169.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Troy requested a transfer of \$6,500.00 from the Highway MVH budget line 1176.49500.000.0533 Tools and Equipment to 1176.36200.000.0533 Service Contracts. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: Leslie Rentschler, Director of Community Corrections, requested an Additional Appropriation of \$10,104.95 in the Project Income fund 1122 for the following budget lines:

1122.12100.000.9610	Social Security	\$4,621.16
1122.12200.000.9610	Retirement	\$5,483.79

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve this request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: Leslie also requested an Appropriation of \$4,628.24 in Fund 4922 Healing Partners Grant for budget line 4922.24500.000.9610 Operating Supplies. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 10: Proposed changes to the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance.

Leslie discussed the need to change the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance to reflect the Pre-Trial Coordinator's (EXEMPT) pay from the 2022 Pre-Trial Grant Fund #9671 budget line 9671.11111.000.0000 for the remainder of 2022. The annual salary for this position is \$45,000.00 and was previously paid from the 2021 Pre-Trial Grant Fund #9670 which was extended to 6/30/22.

The County received a renewal of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Grant for the grant period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Heather Malone & Brooke Trice are the co-coordinators for this grant. Council approved the budget appropriations for this grant (Fund 9661) at the June meeting. The 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance needed to be updated to reflect the payroll effective 7/1/2022 for the new grant cycle.

Heather 9661.11111.000.9651 – Coordinator (EXEMPT); \$17,250.00 total; paid as \$690 for 25 pay periods.

Brooke 9661.11111.000.9651 – Coordinator (NON-EXEMPT); \$22.65/hr. not to exceed \$17,250.00

ITEM 11: Terry Miller made a motion to open the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 12: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to change the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance to reflect Community Correction's Pre-trial Coordinator to be paid from 9671.11111.000.0000 for the remainder of 2022. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 13: Terry Miller made a motion to change the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance to pay Heather Malone as a Coordinator (EXEMPT) of JDAI, a total of \$17,250 (\$690 for 25 pay periods) from budget line 9661.11111.000.9651; and to pay Brooke Trice, as a Coordinator (Non-Exempt) of JDAI at a rate of \$22.65/hr, not to exceed \$17,250, from budget line 9661.11111.000.9651. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to close the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Kittie wanted to publicly recognize Leslie Rentschler, Director of Community Corrections, for receiving the \$1.76 Million dollars for the Community Catalyst Grant.

ITEM 15: Kendall Mickley spoke on behalf of the Commissioners to request a transfer of \$45,552.00 from the ARPA fund budget line 8950.11176.000.0000 Living Unit Coordinator to 8950.11120.000.0000 Part Time Living Unit Coordinator for Community Corrections. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this transfer. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 16: Terry Miller made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2022-7-25, an Ordinance committing the County of Huntington, Indiana, to an additional eight years as a member of the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

#### ITEM 17: NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Kasey Davis, the Chief Development Officer, and Chris Stackhouse, the Chief Habilitation Officer of Pathfinder Services appeared before Council to discuss business operations of the organization. Kasey requested that Council consider increasing the County's financial contribution to Pathfinders when preparing the 2023 budget.

#### ITEM 18: Council's Committee Reports:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE – Leslie announced that she received notification from the Department of Corrections that Community Corrections has been awarded \$587,227.00 for fiscal year 2023. This is the same amount received last year, with \$352,227.00 for regular programming and \$235,000.00 for work release. Drug Court is being awarded \$164,671.00 for 2023.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike – No meeting

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – John Stoeckley – No meeting

#### JOB CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller – Discussed different requests from departments.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM – Shane Bickel – No meeting in July.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT – Terry Miller – No meeting

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Keith Eller – No Meeting

PLAN COMMISSION – Terry Miller – No Meeting

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY – Peyton Pike – Nothing to report.

HCUED – Kendall Mickley – No Meeting

ABCD – Keith Eller – No Meeting

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW – John Stoeckley – No Meeting

WHARMM – Peyton Pike – No Meeting

COMMISSIONER’S HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Keith Eller – No Meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL – Peyton Pike – Nothing to report.

HCPSD COMMITTEE – Kendall Mickley was unable to attend.

INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer – No Meeting

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Terry Miller & John Stoeckley – No Meeting

ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT – Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022

  
KENDALL MICKLEY

  
SHANE BICKEL

Absent  
KEITH ELLER

  
TERRY MILLER

  
KITTIE KEIFFER

  
PEYTON PIKE

  
JOHN STOECKLEY

ATTEST:   
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR