

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
MAY 23, 2022 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 23RD day of May 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 April 11, 2022.

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

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

ITEM 1: Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the April 25th meeting, Kittie Keiffer advised that there needs to be a correction in ITEM 13: COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS, for the COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE. The reference to Leslie's stats should read "Community Corrections" instead of "Community Development". Kittie then made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Sheriff Newton was unable to attend; therefore, Council President Kendall Mickley presented a transfer of appropriation request on his behalf in the amount of \$2,600.00 from the K-9 fund budget line 4012.21500.000.0000 Supplies to 4012.44100.000.0000 Equipment. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this transfer. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Commissioner President Rob Miller requested an Appropriation of \$470,000.00 in the ARPA Fund budget line 8950.38515.000.0000 Contributions to Non-Profits. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Miller also discussed the guidelines that will be used for the Non-profits to be eligible to apply.

Commissioner Miller also gave an update on the Jail Renovation and explained how there have been some unforeseen expenses that need completed on the old side of the jail, such as Painting, HVAC, Duct work, Air Quality System and the showers. These projects have an estimated cost of \$520,000.00. Commissioner Miller also stated that the drainage issue project and road project at the O'Donnell Center, were estimated to cost \$1.2 million and the bids have come in approximately \$600,000-\$700,000 less than expected, and they would like to divert those extra ARPA funds to renovation expenses of the old jail area. He noted that since these are health and safety issues, the ARPA funds may be used for these renovations.

ITEM 4: ENCUMBRANCES FOR COUNCIL TO REVIEW BUT DO NOT NEED
APPROVAL:

Community Corrections Fund 1122 - Project Income

1122.21100.000.9609	OFFICE SUPPLIES	THE DESK	\$	42.99
1122.21900.000.9609	DRUG SCREEN CUPS	REDWOOD	\$	747.50
1122.31000.000.9609	PRINTING	RICOH USA	\$	193.97
1122.32301.000.9609	CELL PHONES	VERIZON	\$	365.96
1122.33600.000.9609	MILEAGE REIMB	JUSTIN YOHE	\$	129.92

1122.35106.000.9609	INTERNET	METRONET	\$ 306.78
1122.36200.000.9609	SERVICE CONTRACTS	CORDANT	\$ 1,038.45
1122.36200.000.9609	SERVICE CONTRACTS	ATTENTI USA	\$ 7,942.00
1122.36200.000.9609	SERVICE CONTRACTS	ATTENTI USA	\$ 3,000.00
1122.36200.000.9609	SERVICE CONTRACTS	CORDANT	\$ 480.04
1122.36200.000.9609	SERVICE CONTRACTS	TTL CRT SERV	\$ 310.00
1122.44110.000.9609	MISC EQUIP	DELL MRKTNG	\$ 4,138.48
		TOTAL	\$ 18,696.09

ITEM 5: Community Corrections Director, Leslie Rentschler requested Grant Budget Appropriations for Fund 9320 Community Coordinator Grant in the following budget lines:

9320.21100.000.0000	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
9320.21200.000.0000	Computer Supplies	\$1,000.00
9320.31100.000.0000	Contract Professional	\$80,360.00
9320.32301.000.0000	Cell Phones	\$640.00
9320.32500.000.0000	Travel Expenses	\$4,000.00
9320.36200.000.0000	Service Contracts	\$12,000.00
9320.44100.000.0000	Equipment	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

TOTAL \$105,000.00

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

ITEM 6: Leslie also requested Grant Budget Appropriations for Fund 9671 - CY2022 Pretrial Grant Award for the following budget lines:

9671.11111.000.0000	Coordinator	\$23,209.00
9671.12300.000.0000	Group Ins	\$13,925.00
9671.11116.000.0000	Pretrial Asst Coord	\$6,496.00
9671.12100.000.0000	Social Security	\$496.95
9671.34300.000.0000	Workers Comp	\$74.71
9671.34510.000.0000	Unemployment	<u>\$25.34</u>
	TOTAL	\$44,227.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Leslie mentioned her recent presentation to the Job Class Committee to restructure her staff and pay amounts. This was ~~discovered~~ discussed later in the meeting.

ITEM 7: Prosecutor Jeremy Nix requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$500.00 from the Infraction Deferral Fund budget line 2506.39800.000.0000 Misc Service & Charges to 2506.44100.000.0000 Equipment. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Prosecutor Nix discussed the difficulties of filling the open Deputy Prosecutor positions and his meeting with the Job Class Committee regarding a request to increase the wages for the Deputy Prosecutor positions to pay from a range of \$60,000 - \$95,000 per year. He also requested the supplemental pay of \$5,000 for the Prosecutor.

ITEM 8: There was a discussion on the Wheel Tax, and it was mentioned that the County Highway has a 7-year rotation on maintenance for county roads. Keith Eller made a motion to retain the Ordinance 2019-05-20 Wheel Tax Rate. Kittie Keiffer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: NEW/ OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Proposed changes to the 2022 Wage and Salary Ordinance. Information was provided for Community Corrections, Prosecutor's Office, and Jail.

OPEN 2022 WAGE & SALARY ORDINANCE

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to Open the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Sheriff Newton requested the following change for the Jail:

An addition of 5 Full-time (40 hours per week) Jail Officers to be paid from 1000.11203.000.0380. These are Non-Exempt positions with a max pay rate of \$18.26/hr.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the 5 full time (40 hours per week) Jail Officers to be added to the Salary Ordinance 1000.11203.000.0380, effective June 26, 2022. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Leslie Rentschler requested the following changes for Community Corrections:

Change two (2) of the current six (6) Full-time (40 hrs/wk) Living Unit Coordinators (#11176) to Part-time (less than 30 hrs/wk) Living Unit Coordinators (#11120) with max pay rate of \$19/hr, effective 05/29/2022;

Add three (3) additional part-time Living Unit Coordinators (#11120) with max pay of \$19/hr, effective 05/29/2022;

Change Rate of Pay for Full-time Living Unit Coordinators (#11176) to max rate of \$19.23, effective 05/29/2022;

These positions will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Fund #8950 in 2022.

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the request. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Jeremy Nix requested the following changes for the Prosecutor's Office:

There are currently three (3) Deputy Prosecutor Positions with two (2) positions (EXEMPT) at max Annual Salary of \$72,100 and one (1) position (EXEMPT) at max Annual Salary of \$66,816.68.

Prosecutor Jeremy Nix is requesting that the Max Salary for two (2) of these positions be increased to \$95,000, effective May 29, 2022, as follows:

Position 1: Currently filled – DEPUTY PROSECUTOR - TITLE IV-D

1000.11232.000.0009	\$14,000.	(Co. General – PROSECUTOR)
1000.11230.000.0660	\$68,000.	(Co. General – TITLE IV-D)
2506.11416.000.0000	\$13,000.	(Infraction Deferral)

Position 2: Position open – DEPUTY PROSECUTOR

1000.11231.000.0009	\$85,500.	(Co. General – PROSECUTOR)
2506.11415.000.0000	\$9,500.	(Infraction Deferral)

Position 3: Fully funded by County General – 1000.11233.000.0009 - WILL REMAIN AT MAX ANNUAL SALARY OF \$72,100.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the request for increasing the pay for the Deputy Prosecutor positions as discussed. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Council recommended that Jeremy include the Supplemental Pay for the Prosecutor in his budget request for 2023.

CLOSE 2022 WAGE & SALARY ORDINANCE

Peyton Pike made a motion to close the 2022 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Shane Bickel seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-0.

OTHER NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Tom Wall mentioned that he felt that Council members and Commissioners should meet with HR Director Stefanie Barrioz to discuss increases for county employees.

Council member Kittie Keiffer clarified a previous conversation with Prosecutor Jeremy Nix. He indicated that if he is able to have two (2) experienced Deputy Prosecutors on his staff, he will not need to hire the third position.

LOCAL INCOME TAX information update. Council adopted Ordinance 2019-10-21 on October 21, 2019 to modify the Local Income Tax Rates in Huntington County to be effective January 1, 2020. The Ordinance was submitted through the Gateway process; however, the newly adopted rates were not applied. Auditor Jill Landrum is waiting on a response from the DLGF representative.

ITEM 10: COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE – Kittie shared that there are 220 involved, bond release 130, Home Detention 78. Leslie corrected the numbers: 132 involved in the Pre- Trial Program and 88 in the other program.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike – Tom Wall took pictures of what our benches will look like.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – John Stoeckley – Meeting in June

JOB CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer, Terry Miller, and Keith Eller – Nothing to report

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM – Shane Bickel –New group coming in to set up a new Men's House.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT – Terry Miller – Meeting Friday at Innovative Pkg

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Keith Eller – Several Grant applying for and received. 44 New Radios and a purchase of some cameras, Items reimbursed for \$8,400.00. one for \$40,000.00,

\$41,694.82 these new grants open in June. There was an annual exercise on 3/22. Haz Waste 64 people attended. And several other items.

PLAN COMMISSION – Terry Miller – Decided on a split on a land locked piece of property that had an easement to get to through 3 different properties.

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

HCUED – Kendall Mickley – Nothing

ABCD – Keith Eller – Nothing

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW – John Stoeckley – Will have meeting on the CF-1 that are already in place. Nothing on the Solar

WHARMM – Peyton Pike – No Meeting

COMMISSIONER'S HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Keith Eller – Going well. Teladoc saved \$600 basically on prescriptions. No CO-PAY

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL – Peyton Pike – Meeting Thursday 5/26/22

HCPSD COMMITTEE – Kendall Mickley – Went over Budget. Consoles installed.

INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE – Kittie Keiffer – Nothing

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Terry Miller & John Stoeckley – Nothing

Council discussed having a Council & Department Heads Meeting on June 15th at 9:00. Auditor Jill Landrum was to advertise for the meeting and notify Department Heads and Elected Officials.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT – Kittie Keiffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE 2022:



KENDALL MICKLEY


SHANE BICKEL

absent
KEITH ELLER


TERRY MILLER

ATTEST: 
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR


KITTIE KEIFFER


PEYTON PIKE


JOHN STOECKLEY

