

REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
FEBRUARY 22, 2021 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session and via phone conference the 22nd day of February 2021, in the G.A.R. Room, at the Huntington County Courthouse, Huntington, Indiana, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering all business brought before it pursuant to notice given to the Huntington Herald Press on February 10, 2021.

Council Members present: Ron Kline, Terry Miller, Keith Eller, Phil Hibbert, Kendall Mickley, and Shane Bickel were present, and Kittie Keiffer attended via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Terry Miller and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Keith Eller made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2021, Council meeting. Terry Miller seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Kendall Mickley made a motion to re-appoint Joel Jerabek as the Council's appointment for the City Economic Development Commission for a four-year term to expire 1/31/2025; and also Randy Warner to the Tax Abatement Review Committee for a term of three years to expire 12/31/23. Phil Hibbert seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Terri Boone, Assessor, requested a transfer of \$8,000.00 from 1000.21100.000.0008 Office Supplies to 1000.32100.000.0008 Postage, due to a correction in the budget. Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve this transfer. Kittie Keiffer seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Heather Malone, Chief Probation Officer, requested a transfer of \$300.00 from the Probation's budget line 1000.12000.000.0274 - Overtime to 1000.11900.000.0274 - Longevity. This was overlooked at budget time due to an employee receiving the longevity for the first time. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this transfer. Kendall Mickley seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Davin Smith, Circuit Court Judge, requested an appropriation in Fund 9661 - Juvenile Detention Alternative Grant for \$1,865.97 in budget line 9661.44100.000.0000 - Equipment. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Robert Jeffers, EMA Director, requested two (2) transfers. The first one is transferring \$1,000.00 from 1000.44200.000.0302 - Radio Equipment to 1000.21500.000.0302 – Supplies. The second was a request to transfer \$1,500.00 from 1000.45301.000.0302 - Haz Mat Equipment to 1000.24500.000.0302 - Operating Supplies. Keith Eller seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 7: Troy Hostetler, MVH Superintendent, requested an appropriation of funds in the 9138 / 2020 Community Crossing Grant for \$4,404.61 in budget line 9138.36200.000.0000 - Service Contracts for Broadway & 900 N., and also Fund 9139 / 2021 Community Crossing Grant for \$90,017.78 in budget line 9139.36200.000.0000 - Service Contracts for the Norwood Subdivision. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve these appropriation requests. Kendall Mickley seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, requested a transfer of \$1,200.00 from 1000.45300.000.0106 - Software/Computer to 1000.45100.000.0106 - Office Equipment. Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve this transfer. Terry Miller seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: Terry Miller requested for the Redevelopment Commission an appropriation of Fund 4925 for the following accounts:

4925.11300.000.0000 \$3,474.90

4925.12300.000.0000 Group Insurance \$929.76

4925.36200.000.0000 Service Contracts \$95,595.34.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 10:

ENCUMBRANCES- For Council to Review

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| 1000.38520.000.0058 Otis Bowen Center | 11/4/2020 | \$112,401.52 |
| 1140.42000.000.0000 Cumulative Cthse - Deco Illusions | 10/28/2019 | \$89,300.00 |
| 1140.42000.000.0000 Cumulative Cthse - New Era Tech | 12/29/2020 | \$72,990.00 |
| 1112.35400.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 4 - Forks of the Wabash | 9/14/2020 | \$13,127.50 |
| 1112.35400.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 4 - Project Clean | 10/12/2020 | \$65,000.00 |
| 1112.35400.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 4 - Victory Noll | 10/12/2020 | \$300,000.00 |
| 1112.35401.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 6 - Project Clean | 10/12/2020 | \$35,000.00 |
| 1112.35401.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 6 - Project Stacker | 10/12/2020 | \$55,000.00 |
| 1112.35401.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 6 - Golfo Di Napoli | 10/12/2020 | \$64,000.00 |
| 1112.35401.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 6 - Sewer Dist. Consolid. | 11/2/2020 | \$100,000.00 |
| 1112.35401.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 6 - Professional Services | 11/2/2020 | \$85,000.00 |
| 1112.35401.000.0000 CREDIT Proj 6 - Norwood Property | 11/2/2020 | \$45,000.00 |
| TOTAL ENC: | | \$1,036,819.02 |

There was a consensus of council members to accept these encumbrances.

ITEM 11: Leslie Rentschler presented an annual report to Council.
Leslie also discussed the hiring of two part-time positions for UDS Techs (Urine Drug Screens).

ITEM 12: Auditor Jill Landrum discussed the Safety Awareness Grant award of \$117,577.00 that was receipted into Fund 8905 – COVID IFA GRANT per the instructions of the State Board of Accounts. Council decided to not appropriate the \$50,000 on the agenda for 1000.21527.000.0061, and instead plan to use Fund 8905 in the future to pay for COVID-related expenses. An appropriation of \$117,577 will be advertised for Fund 8905 in March, and presented to Council for their approval at their March meeting.

ITEM 13: Jill Landrum presented a request for Jim Michel, Weights & Measures, to transfer \$14.70 from 1000.44100.000.0308 - Equipment to 1000.24101.000.0308 - Seals & Etc. Terry Miller made a motion to approve this request. Keith Eller seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve the 2021 Sheriff's Contract. Phil Hibbert seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes, and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 15: Ron Kline mentioned to Council that he met with Baker Tilly, Tom Wall, and Kittie Keiffer to advise them that the City would prefer that the road in the back of Victory Noll be widened to 20 feet instead of the 16 feet that it currently is and also the entrance up to the pillars widened out front for better fire protection. They also want drainage issues out front to be taken care of. Ron also mentioned that Commissioner Wall had a discussion with Baker Tilly to discuss some ideas on how we might be able to get some grants or bonds. He also stated that the drainage issues is part of the City's problem, so they will be paying part of it.

Heidi Amsbaugh of Baker Tilly discussed an Engagement Letter sent to Council the afternoon of the meeting. She explained the scope of work that Baker Tilly could provide to Huntington County that would include a Feasibility Study related to Community Corrections moving out to Victory Noll and the expenses of the program. Heidi also suggested that the County do a Comprehensive Financial Plan to analyze two years of historical information of how the county's funds have worked, and looking ahead to the next four years of potential revenues coming into those funds and any planned expenditures needing to be paid out of those funds. Baker Tilly would make recommendations as to minimum fund balances that should be maintained, and they would identify any potential shortfalls in revenues and make suggestions of how to handle any funding gaps for expenditures or hiring new employees. Baker Tilly would also provide a summary report for Council members and Commissioners to utilize going forward. The cost for the Feasibility Study & General Advisory Services would include the time and expense involved. The Comprehensive Financial Plan would be billed at time and expense, not to exceed \$35,000.

Commissioner Wall discussed the potential revenues that could be brought into the County by leasing out space at Victory Noll.

Tom and Heidi also discussed the possibility of receiving another \$7.1 million in COVID funds.

ITEM 16: COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Ron Kline – Leslie covered during meeting.

SOLID WASTE: Phil Hibbert – Working on finalizing a grant.

3A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Phil Hibbert – No Meeting

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: Dr. Pflieger new Health Board Officer, would like Department Head @ Health Department

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E) / EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM: Shane Bickel – Presentation from the Indiana Youth Institute, paperwork provided

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT: Terry Miller – Meeting held at old Niswander building, good information shared regarding the economic side of things in our community.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Keith Eller – Meeting Jan 27, grants received, blood kits, waiting on training for them. New cameras, K-9 training, working health dept. with COVID vaccines. Gas spill, Fuel spill at Highway.

PLAN COMMISSION: Terry Miller – 7 lots approved improved in Roanoke

C.E.D.I.T ADVISORY: Kendall Mickley – No Meeting

HCUED: Ron Kline – Several Programs

ABCD: Keith Eller – Nothing

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW: Kittie Keiffer – No Meeting

WHARRM: Phil Hibbert – No Meeting

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Kendall Mickley – No update

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL: Phil Hibbert – Power point to review – response time under 13 minutes

HCPSD COMMITTEE: Ron Kline – Working on tower

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE: Kittie Keiffer – No Meeting

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Terry Miller & Kittie Keiffer – Finalized TIF districts, Norwood cleanup.


ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT – Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendall Mickley seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken Kittie Keiffer – Yes, Kendall Mickley – Yes, Phil Hibbert – Yes, Keith Eller – Yes, Terry Miller – Yes, Shane Bickel – Yes and Ron Kline – Yes. The motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd, DAY OF March 2021

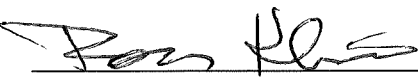
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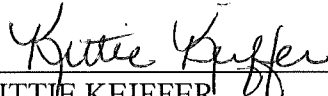

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