

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
FEBRUARY 26, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 26th day of February 2024 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 February 15, 2024.

Council Members Present: Kendall Mickley, Terry Miller, Shane Bickel, Peyton Miller, Keith Eller, 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 Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting. Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the minutes. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Matron Tina Stevens appeared on behalf of Sheriff Chris Newton to request an Appropriation of \$255,882.00 in Fund 1233 - LIT Correctional Rehab Facility, for budget line 1233.33515.00000.0380 - Hospital & Medical.

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

ITEM 3: Tina also requested an Appropriation totaling \$2,334.37 for the 2024 LACE - Sheriff grant fund, as follows:

9687.39500.00000.0000	Subscription/Dues	\$	500.00
9687.44100.00000.0000	Equipment	\$	1,834.37
	TOTAL:	\$	2,334.37

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

ITEM 4: The Sheriff's 2024 Salary Contract was presented to Council for approval and signature by Council President.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Salary Contract for 2024. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Auditor Jill Landrum appeared on behalf of Recorder Vicki Pearson to request a Transfer of Appropriation in the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund 1189.

FROM: 1189.50002.00000.0000	- Unappropriated	\$	40.00
TO: 1189.12000.00000.0000	- Overtime	\$	40.00

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 6: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested Transfers of Appropriation in the Health Fund, as follows:

FROM: 1159.11036.00000.0610	Medical Assistant	\$	42,558.00
1159.11260.00000.0610	Clerk/Registrar	\$	36,798.00

TO:	1159.11038.00000.0610 Med Asst/PHEP Coordinator	\$	42,558.00
	1159.11262.00000.0610 Registrar/Enviro Health San	\$	36,798.00

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the transfers. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Brian mentioned that the remodeling at the Health Department is progressing and the estimated completion will be in April.

ITEM 7: Brian also requested Transfers of Appropriation in the Health First Indiana Fund 1161, as follows:

FROM:	1161.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts	\$	808.45
TO:	1161.12100.00000.0000 - FICA	\$	561.09
	1161.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement	\$	247.36

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfers. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 8: Brian also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,700.00 in the Health Department Fund 1159 for budget line 1159.35120.00000.0610 - Vehicle - Repair/Service.

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

ITEM 9: County Clerk Shelley Septer requested an Appropriation of \$8,272.38 for the HAVA Grant Fund 9170 budget line 9170.44100.00000.0000 - Equipment.

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

ITEM 10: IT Director Joakim Abrahamson advised Council that the equipment for recording in the GAR Room needs updated. Council requested that he get a total cost for the project and report back to them in March.

ITEM 11: Keith Eller made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 12: Discussion of changes needed for 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance:

PT Transport Officer - change payroll account from #11120 to #11027. The rate of pay will remain the same.

Discussion - Longevity Pay of \$500 for Election Clerk to be paid from Fund 1000 - Clerk (LOC 0001). Need to increase the total longevity account #11900 from \$6600 to \$7100.

Discussion - Recorder - Longevity account #11900 for Fund 1189, to be changed from \$2,000 to \$2,100.

Discussion - Highway Fund 1176-0533 should be changed to include \$300 Longevity (account #11900) for the Lead Mechanic (account #11109).

Discussion - O'Donnell Center's County General Fund 1000-9620 should be changed to include \$300 Longevity (account #11900) for the Facilities Manager (account #11450).

Discussion - Adjust the Soil & Water Office Manager's pay line in the Commissioner's General Fund budget line 1000.13030.00000.0068 to \$16.34/hr. (instead of \$16.30/hr.); and in the Soil & Water budget line 4913.13020.00000.0000 to \$1.31/hr. (instead of \$1.35/hr.).

Discussion - Community Corrections - Amendment to reflect payroll for the Pre-Trial Program Coordinator (Acct #11111) and the Pre-Trial Asst. Coordinator (Acct #11116) is paid from Fund 9673 - Pre-Trial Services from 01/01/24 - 01/20/24, and 09/29/24 - 12/31/24. For the payroll periods 01/21/24 through 09/28/24, the positions will be paid from Fund 8660 - 2024 SIM Grant.

ITEM 13: Terry Miller made a motion to approve the changes to the 2024 Wage and Salary Ordinance, as presented. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Peyton Miller made a motion to close the 2024 Wage and Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 15: Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$500.00 from the 2024 SIM Grant budget line 8660.11111.00000.0000 Coordinator to 8660.11900.00000.0000 Longevity.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 16: Leslie also presented a Grant Budget Request for Fund 8670 - CY2024 Community Catalyst Grant, for the following budget lines:

8760.11111.00000.0000	(Service Case) Coordinator	\$	53,084.87
8760.11120.00000.0000	Part-time	\$	237,248.82
8760.11239.00000.0000	Transition Team Manager	\$	128,139.15
8760.11347.00000.0000	Deputy Probation Officer	\$	85,045.66
8760.11176.00000.0000	Living Unit Coordinator	\$	295,735.35
8760.11174.00000.0000	Residential Living Supervisor	\$	67,914.93
8760.12100.00000.0000	Social Security	\$	28,308.58
8760.12200.00000.0000	Retirement	\$	28,976.98
8760.12300.00000.0000	Group Insurance	\$	580,089.25
8760.34300.00000.0000	Workers Comp	\$	17,755.95
8760.34510.00000.0000	Unemployment	\$	4,068.80
	TOTAL:	\$	1,526,368.34

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Grant Budget Appropriations. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 17: Veterans Service Officer Tim Eckert requested a Transfer of Appropriation for the department's General Fund budget, as follows:

FROM: 1000.11120.00000.0012 - Part-time	\$	200.00
TO: 1000.12000.00000.0012 - Overtime	\$	200.00

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 18: Auditor Landrum presented ENCUMBRANCES for Council Approval:

DRUG COURT ENCUMBRANCES

9605.32500.00000.9611	Travel Exp - Andrew Ellet	\$25.30
9605.32500.00000.9611	Travel Exp - Austin Bullock	\$36.69
9605.32500.00000.9611	Travel Expense - Jami Fox	\$50.69

9605.32500.00000.9611	Travel Exp - Jennifer Newton	\$58.69
9605.32500.00000.9611	Travel Exp - Mark Wiley	\$31.69
9605.32500.00000.9611	Travel Exp - Tarra Toma	\$29.97
9605.39800.00000.9611	Misc. Service Charge -	\$1,500.00
	Total Court Services	
9605.32301.00000.9611	Cell Phone - Verizon	\$38.43
9605.32301.00000.9611	Cell Phone - Verizon	\$10.24
9605.31000.00000.9611	Printing - Ricoh	\$7.80
9605.24500.00000.9611	Operating Supplies	\$11.97
9605.22600.00000.9611	Incentives - First Fed	\$491.53
9605.21900.00000.9611	Drug Testing - Abbott	\$37.59
	Fund 9605 Loc 9611 TOTAL:	\$2,330.59

9677.22600.00000.0000	Incentives - First Fed	\$500.00
	Fund 9677 Loc 0000 TOTAL:	\$500.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

9317.36200.00000.9631	Service Contract - Co. Utility Reimb	\$13,207.50
9317.36200.00000.9611	Service Contract - Sentinel	\$3,444.10
9317.21500.00000.9631	Supplies - Bob Barker	\$338.51
9317.21500.00000.9631	Supplies - Bob Barker	\$49.48
9317.36200.00000.9611	Service Contract - Redwood	\$282.02

TOTAL: \$17,321.61

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

ITEM 19: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Auditor Jill Landrum advised Council that she had been contacted by Stephanie Popplewell of the Norwood Water Sewer District concerning the term periods for the Board Appointments of the Commissioners and Council. Stephanie Popplewell shared that there was some confusion and Council's appointment of Brian Sabanski should have ended on 12/31/2023, but they had officially appointed him for the term ending 12/31/2024. If Brian's term would end on 12/31/2024, then there would be two people with terms expiring at the same time. Stephanie requested that Council consider adjusting Brian's term, and then reappoint him for a new term of 01/01/2024 through 12/31/26. Stephanie would contact Brian to make sure he would be agreeable, and if so, she would contact Jill to bring it to Council's March meeting.

ITEM 20: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Leslie Rentschler provided a copy of the annual report for FY 2023, she stated that when you think of Community Corrections it is not just work release, but also Day Reporting, Home Detention, Community Transition Program, which is early release from prison, the Scram Cam Alcohol, and Pre Trial Services. In 2023 there were 255 total participants and an additional 409 that were assessed through Pre-Trial Services. Leslie provided Council with detailed information regarding Community Corrections services.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller was not able to attend the last meeting, but mentioned that recycling should not be in bags.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley reported that there would be a meeting in two weeks.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - meeting in March

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel reported that they had a Roundtable meeting with several groups providing updates. The State paperwork will be due in April.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Update provided by Terry Miller.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller - Grant updated for Salary Reimbursement of \$41,600.00. Also they applied for a \$5,000.00 Grant from Duke Energy for volunteer supplies; and they are working on a program for a tabletop exercise for LEPC in March. Also, there was a meeting on 01/24/24 to discuss the Eclipse planning. The EMA is also working with the Commissioners, Mayor, Fire Departments and Health Department on warming Shelters.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller - No February Meeting

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Miller - Nothing to report

HCUED - Kendall Mickley reported that there were nine projects in 2023; and there has been 4 project started in 2024.

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

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - No meeting

WHARMM - Peyton Miller - Nothing to Report

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller reported that there was a meeting at the Commissioner's meeting earlier in the day.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Miller attended the last meeting and she indicated that Parkview has a better understanding of the EMS LIT.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley - Nothing to report

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

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - Nothing to report

ITEM 21: Adjournment - Keith Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH 2024:

Absent
KENDALL MICKLEY

Terry Miller
TERRY MILLER

Shane Bickel
SHANE BICKEL

Peyton Miller
PEYTON MILLER

ATTEST: Jill M. Landrum
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

Keith Eller
KEITH ELLER

John Stoeckley
JOHN STOECKLEY

Absent
BRIAN WARPUP

