

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
AUGUST 12, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 12th day of August 2024 in the G.A.R. Room, at the Huntington County Courthouse, Huntington, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M. for considering all business brought before it pursuant to notice given to the Huntington Herald-Press on August 1, 2024.

Council Members present were Shane Bickel, Peyton Miller, Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, and Brian Warpup. Kendall Mickley & Terry Miller were attending via Zoom.

Council member Keith Eller called the meeting to order. Brian Warpup gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Council member Keith Eller asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the July 22, 2024 meeting. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2: Sheriff's Matron Tina Sills presented a request for an Additional Appropriation totaling \$57,144.12 in the JCAP Grant Fund 9237 for Fiscal Year 07/01/24 - 06/30/25, as follows:

9237.11033.00000.0000 Jail Inmate Advocate	\$	22,000.00
9237.12200.00000.0000 PERF	\$	3,124.00
9237.12300.00000.0000 Group Insurance	\$	5,067.85
9237.12100.00000.0000 Social Security	\$	1,683.00
9237.34510.00000.0000 Unemployment	\$	23.75
9237.34300.00000.0000 Workers Comp	\$	370.52
9237.31100.00000.0000 Contract Prof.	\$	22,000.00
9237.21500.00000.0000 Supplies	\$	375.00
9237.24500.00000.0000 Operating Supplies	\$	2,500.00
TOTAL:	\$	57,144.12

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3: IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,000.00 in the department's County General budget line 1000.36200.00000.0106 - Service Contracts to cover web maintenance expenses.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 4: Joakim also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$2,500.00 from the County's General Fund budget line 1000.21200.00000.0106 - Computer Supplies to 1000.24500.00000.0106 - Operating Supplies.

Peyton Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 5: Superior Court Judge Jennifer Newton requested an Appropriation of \$2,000.00 in Fund 9701 - 2024/2025 Court Interpreter Grant for budget line 9701.31800.00000.0000 - Interpreter.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 6: Judge Newton also requested Transfers of Appropriation in the department's County General fund, as follows:

FROM:	1000.33015.00000.0201 - Jurors	\$	6,000.00
TO:	1000.31800.00000.0201 - Interpreter	\$	6,000.00
FROM:	1000.11400.00000.0201 - Clerical	\$	12,000.00
	1000.12000.00000.0201 - Overtime	\$	2,001.00
	TOTAL:	\$	14,001.00
TO:	1000.11548.00000.0201 - Court Administrator	\$	3,607.50
	1000.11202.00000.0201 - Court Reporter	\$	3,607.50
	1000.11428.00000.0201 - Judicial Assistant	\$	6,786.00
	TOTAL:	\$	14,001.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 7: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested an Additional Appropriation of \$50,000.00 in the Local Roads & Street budget line 1169.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 8: Troy also requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$400,477.58 in the MVH Restricted Fund 1173, as follows:

FROM:	1173.27500.00000.0531 - Materials	\$	276,581.68
	1173.27510.00000.0531 - Aggregates	\$	118,895.90
	1173.27520.00000.0531 - Signs, Posts & Guard Rails	\$	5,000.00
TO:	1173.27515.00000.0531 - Asphalts	\$	400,477.58

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the transfers. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 9: Troy also requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$40,000.00 in the MVH - Unrestricted Fund 1176, as follows:

FROM:	1176.11311.00000.0531 - Equip Op II	\$	40,000.00
TO:	1176.12000.00000.0531 - Overtime	\$	30,000.00
	1176.35130.00000.0533 - Vehicle Repair	\$	10,000.00

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfers. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 10: Stefanie Barrioz requested an Additional Appropriation of \$136,000.00 for the Commissioner's County General budget line 1000.34210.00000.0068 - Bldg., Liability, Etc. Insurance due to increase in premiums and tort claim deductibles.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 11: Commissioner President Tom Wall requested a **DECREASE** of Appropriation of \$33,237.93 in the ARPA (American Rescue Plan) Fund for budget line 8950.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Decrease of Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 12: Commissioner Wall also requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$112,158.20 in the ARPA (American Rescue Plan) Fund, as follows:

FROM:	8950.11176.00000.0000 - Living Unit Coordinator	\$	39,881.65
	8950.21420.00000.0000 - Cleaning Supplies	\$	700.58
	8950.21512.00000.0000 - PPE	\$	386.64
	8950.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts	\$	71,189.33
	TOTAL:	\$	112,158.20
TO:	8950.21515.00000.0000 - Medical Supplies	\$	201.91
	8950.44110.00000.0000 - Misc. Equipment	\$	111,956.29
	TOTAL:	\$	112,158.20

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 13: Facility Manager Phil Hibbert requested a Grant Appropriation of \$38,584 for the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Grant Fund, for budget line 9510.36200.00000.0000.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Appropriation. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 14: County Coroner Rod Jackson requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$563.60 from the department's County General budget line 1000.24500.00000.0007 - Operating Supplies to 1000.24401.00000.0007 - Infection Control.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 15: Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$57,534.90 in the 2024 SIM Grant Fund, as follows:

FROM:	8660.11011.00000.0000 - Specialist I	\$	11,840.18
	8660.11120.00000.0000 - Part-time	\$	45,694.72
	TOTAL:	\$	57,534.90
TO:	8660.11178.00000.0000 - Release Specialist	\$	11,840.18
	8660.11123.00000.0000 - Pretrial Navigator	\$	22,847.36
	8660.11125.00000.0000 - Court Support	\$	22,847.36
	TOTAL:	\$	57,534.90

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfers. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 16: Auditor Jill Landrum requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$9,500.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.11200.00000.0002 - Chief Deputy to 1000.11225.00000.0002 - Deputy.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfer. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 17: Council reviewed the Estimated Property Tax Levy Limits and the Estimated Reductions due to Circuit Breakers for each taxing unit. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the levy limits. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 5-1. Council members signed the documents.

Auditor Jill Landrum stated that she would distribute the signed statement and reports to each taxing unit.

ITEM 18: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler appeared to discuss the fuel tank replacement project. Commissioner President Tom Wall indicated that Bippus State Bank is willing to fund the project with a 4% interest rate. This rate can be updated in the spreadsheet that Kendall created. Troy mentioned that they are waiting on one quote to come back. Troy will report back to Council with final information.

There were no Committee Reports given at the meeting.

ITEM 19: John Stoeckley made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

After the business meeting was adjourned, the Budget Hearings began.

Solid Waste - Binding Reviews. Christi McElhaney presented a comparison sheet for Council to review. Christi stated that the Board approved a 5% increase which is \$2,900.00 to divide between Scott and Christi's salaries. Christi stated that they need to rebid the recycling program on West Park site. They are increasing it by \$30,000.00 but do not know what it is going to come in at. The total budget is \$457,300.00, which is a \$33,700.00 increase. Depending on how it plays out with recycling, the contract will end on October 31, 2024. If it is done in-house instead of bidding it out then they will do a transfer to pay for a full-time position.

The following Budgets were presented to Council:

	Special Funds	County General
Clerk		1000-0001
Election & Registration		
Clerks Record Keeping	9604	
Perpetuation	1119	
Clerks- Elected Official Training	1217	
Clerks IV D Incentive	8899	
Treasurer		1000-0003
Treasurers County Elected Officials Training fund	1217	
Recorder		
Enhanced Access Fund	1154	
Identification Security Protection	1160	NO BUDGET 2025
Recorder Perpetuation	1189	
Recorders Elected Officials Training fund	1217	

Surveyor	1000-0006
Drainage Board	1000-0063
Surveyors Corner Perpetuation	1202
Surveyors County Elected Officials Training fund	1217
Coroner	1000-0007
County Assessor	1000-0008
Sales Disclosure fund	1131
Reassessment	1224

Council member Terry Miller arrived.

O'Donnell Center	1000-9620
Prosecutor	1000-0009
Title IV-D - Moved to the 1000.0009 for 2025	
Prosecutor Forfeiture	1234
Pre-Trial Diversion	2505
Infraction Deferral	2506
Prosecutors PCA	8099
Pros IV-D Incentive	8897
Co-Op	1000-0011
Veterans Office	1000-0012
Veterans Recognition Donations	4101
Soil & Water	4913
Commissioners	1000-0068
LIT Economic Development	1112
Cumulative Courthouse	1140
Redevelopment Commission	4925
Pool Car	4941
Community Development (DCD)	1000-0079
Unsafe Building fund	1207
Superior Court	1000-0201
Supplemental Public Defender Services	1200
Jury Pay	2507
Circuit Court	1000-0232
Probation Dept	1000-0009
County Offender Transportation	1220
Adult Probation Admin Fee	2000
Superior Ct Adult Probation Fee	2002
Circuit Court Juvenile Probation	2051
Supplemental Adult Probation	2100
Drug Testing Probation	2504
Huntington County Statewide E-911	1222
PSAP (Dispatch)	4020

The Budget Hearings went into Recess at 8:15pm, and then began again on TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 @ 6pm.

Council members present were Terry Miller, Keith Eller, Shane Bickel, Peyton Miller, and Brian Warpup. Kendall Mickley was present via Zoom. John Stoeckley was absent.


The following Budgets were presented to Council:


	Special Funds	County General
Sheriff		1000-0005
Jail		1000-0380
Courthouse Security		1000-9607
LIT Public Safety	1170	
Medical Care for Inmates	1174	
County Misdemeanant /Corrections	1175	
Sex and Violent Offender	1192	
LIT Correctional Rehab Facility	1233	
Sheriffs Law Education	2503	
K-9	4012	
Sheriffs Bullet Proof Vest	9131	
Health Department	1159	
Health First Indiana	1161	
Highway	1176	530-533
Cumulative Bridge	1135	
Local Road & Street	1169	
IT Computer Dept		1000-0106
Custodian		1000-0161
Emergency Management		1000-0302
Emergency Planning RTK	1152	
Civil Defense Donations	4103	
Weights & Measures		1000-0308
County Council		1000-0069
LIT Public Safety	1170	
Council County Elected Officials Training fund	1217	
LIT - EMS	1236	
Auditor		1000-0002
Auditors County Elected Officials Training Fund	1217	

Brian Warpup made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearings. Peyton Miller seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024:


KENDALL MICKLEY


TERRY MILLER


SHANE BICKEL


PEYTON MILLER


KEITH ELLER


JOHN STOECKLEY


BRIAN WARPUP

ATTEST:


JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR