

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
JULY 21, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 21st day of July 2025, 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 *Plain Dealer* on July 9, 2025.

Council Members Present: Kendall Mickley, Terry Miller, Shane Bickel, Jamie Hotchkiss, John Stoeckley and Brian Warpup. Keith Eller was absent.

Council President Kendall Mickley called the meeting to order. Jamie Hotchkiss gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS The Public Hearing was opened and community member Hank Miller addressed the Council with
1 & 2: his concerns.

The Warren Public Library Director Robert Neuenschwander appeared before Council, as the binding authority for the Library. He requested approval of an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$86,000 to be used to help pay for a new elevator at the library. Mr. Neuenschwander showed pictures to the Council members related to the project.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3: President Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the June 23, 2025, meeting. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 4: Superior Court Judge Jennifer Newton requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$10,000.00 from the Department's County General budget line 1000.11400.00000.0201 - Clerical to 1000.31800.00000.0201 - Interpreter.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 5: Sheriff Chris Newton requested a Budget Appropriation totaling \$172,413.14 for the JCAP (Jail Chemical Addiction Program) Fund budget lines, as follows:

9237.11033.00000.0000 - Jail Inmate Advocate	\$	46,456.96
9237.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$	3,403.88
9237.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement	\$	6,318.32
9237.12300.00000.0000 - Group Insurance	\$	11,438.96
9237.21500.00000.0000 - Supplies	\$	74,990.08
9237.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies	\$	7,000.00
9237.31100.00000.0000 - Contract Professional	\$	22,000.00
9237.34300.00000.0000 - Workers Comp	\$	757.44
9237.34510.00000.0000 - Unemployment	\$	47.50
TOTAL:	\$	172,413.14

Jamie Hotchkiss made a motion to approve the Budget Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 6: Sheriff Newton also requested an Additional Appropriation totaling \$201,904.43 in the LIT Correctional Facility Fund budget line 1233.32019.00000.0380 - Jail Building Repairs.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 7: Highway Superintendent Bridgett Burkhart requested a Budget Appropriation of \$1,012,366.38 for the CCMG 2024 -1 (Community Crossing Matching Grant) budget line 9144.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Budget Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 8: Bridgett also requested a Budget Appropriation of \$960,000.00 for the following County General Fuel System budget lines:

1000.36200.00000.9676 - Service Contracts	\$	450,000.00
1000.44100.00000.9676 - Equipment	\$	510,000.00
TOTAL	\$	960,000.00

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Budget Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 9: Dispatch Director Tim Allen requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$45,000.00 in the PSAP Fund 4020, as follows:

FROM: 4020.11625.00000.0000 - Dispatcher	\$	45,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	45,000.00
TO: 4020.12000.00000.0000 - Overtime	\$	20,000.00
4020.11120.00000.0000 - Part-time	\$	25,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	45,000.00

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfers. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 10: Commissioner President Rob Miller requested an Additional Appropriation of \$200,000.00 for the LIT Economic Development budget line 1112.35400.00000.0000 - Project 4 - Discretionary.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 11: Tabled until the August meeting.

ITEM 12: Tabled until the August meeting.

ITEM 13: Tabled until the August meeting.

ITEM 14: Tabled until the August meeting.

ITEM 15: NEW/OLD BUSINESS: President Mickley mentioned that the budget books have been printed and the estimated amounts have not been released by the Department of Local Government Finance yet.

ITEM 16: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES for 2025:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - Community Corrections is crunching numbers and looking for grants.

SOLID WASTE - Brian Warpup reported that there was discussion about having a separate facility for Solid Waste; however, the idea was dismissed.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley - Nothing to report.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup - No meeting to report on.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel - No meeting was held in July. The next meeting will be in August.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller - No meeting to report on.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller - Absent

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller reported that they approved a change of zoning from Agriculture to General Business for a property on 900 North.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Jamie Hotchkiss - No meeting to report on.

HCUED - Kendall Mickley - Nothing to report.

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller - Absent

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - No meeting to report on.

WHARMM - Jamie Hotchkiss reported that the meeting was rescheduled for August 27.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller - Absent

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Jamie Hotchkiss - The next meeting will be August 14th.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley - Tim Allen discussed during meeting.

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

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - The Annual RDC Meeting was July 14, 2025.

MARKLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) - Brian Warpup - Nothing to report.

ITEM 17: Brian Warpup made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY AUGUST OF 2025:


KENDALL MICKLEY


TERRY MILLER


SHANE BICKEL


JAMIE HOTCHKISS

ATTEST:


JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

Absent on 7/21/25

KEITH ELLER


JOHN STOECKLEY


BRIAN WARPUP