

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
AUGUST 11 & 12, 2025 - BUSINESS MEETING & BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 11th day of August 2025, 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 *Plain Dealer* on July 30, 2025.

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

Council President Kendall Mickley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Terry Miller gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: An opportunity for Public Comment was offered; however, no one chose to speak.

ITEM 2: President Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the July 21, 2025, meeting. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Jamie Hotchkiss seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: Kim Hostetler, Director of Community Development, requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$700.00 from the department's County General Fund budget line 1000.31300.00000.0079 - Education/Training to 1000.32500.00000.0079 -Travel Expense.

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

ITEM 4: Kim also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$13,000.00 from the department's County General Fund budget line 1000.31700.00000.0079 - Demolition to 1000.31100.00000.0079 - Contract Professional.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfer. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$2,000.00 from the Health First Indiana budget line 1161.11520.00000.0000 Public Health Nurse to 1161.31200.00000.0000 Rent, Utilities & Maintenance.

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

ITEM 6: Highway Superintendent Bridgett Burkhart requested an Additional Appropriation of \$176,000.00 in the MVH Fund 1176, for the following budget lines:

1176.22100.00000.0533 - Fuel	\$	110,000.00
1176.22101.00000.0533 - Diesel Fuel	\$	66,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	176,000.00

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

ITEM 7: Bridgett also requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$7,965.00 in the Highway (MVH) Unrestricted Fund 1176, as follows:

FROM: 1176.11160.00000.0531 - Laborers	\$	7,965.00
TO: 1176.31300.00000.0530 - Educ/Training	\$	500.00
1176.32500.00000.0530 - Travel Expenses	\$	965.00
1176.45400.00000.0530 - Furniture	\$	1,500.00
1176.23100.00000.0533 - Tires	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	7,965.00

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

ITEM 8: IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$6,000.00 from the department's General Fund budget line 1000.32500.00000.0106 Travel Expense to 1000.36200.00000.0106 Service Contracts.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the transfer. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 9: Superior Court Judge Jennifer Newton presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$9500.00 in the 2025 Drug Court Grant, as follows:

FROM: 9605.12300.00000.9613 - Group Insurance	\$	9,500.00
TO: 9605.21900.00000.9613 Drug Testing	\$	3,500.00
9605.22600.00000.9613 Incentives	\$	1,000.00
9605.32500.00000.9613 Travel Expenses	\$	1,500.00
9605.39800.00000.9613 Misc Service Charges	\$	3,500.00
TOTAL:	\$	9,500.00

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the transfers. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 10: There was discussion to amend the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance to reflect the JDAI Co- Coordinators' pay previously paid from the 2024/25 JDAI Fund 9661 for pay periods #1-13, to be paid as follows for the pay periods #14-26:

Co-Coordinator (1)*	1000.11111.00000.0232	\$	631.31	bi-weekly
Co-Coordinator (1)*	2051.11111.00000.0000	\$	157.77	bi-weekly
	TOTAL:	\$	789.08	bi-weekly
Co-Coordinator (2) **	9668.11111.00000.9654		\$29.99	hourly

ITEM 11: Shane Bickel made a motion to open the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 12: Shane Bickel made a motion to amend the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance, as presented and discussed in Item 10. Brian Warpup seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 13: Brian Warpup made a motion to close the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Jamie Hotchkiss seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Council reviewed the Estimated Property Tax Levy Limits and the Estimated Reductions due to Circuit Breakers for each taxing unit. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the levy limits. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. Council members signed the documents.

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

ITEM 15: NEW/OLD BUSINESS: There was no new or old business discussed.

There were no Committee Reports given at the meeting.

The business meeting was completed, and Council transitioned into the Budget Hearings.

Solid Waste - Binding Reviews. Christi McElhaney presented a comparison sheet and budget request for Council to review. Christi stated that the Board approved a 3% increase which is \$1,841.00 to divide between Scott and Christi's salaries.

Department Heads presented their 2026 Budget Requests to Council, as follows:

Department	Special Funds	County General
Auditor		
Auditors – Co. Elected Official Training	1217	1000-0002 ALL APPLICABLE DEPT
Recorder		1000-0004
Enhanced Access Fund	1154	
Identification Security Protection	1160	Not budgeting for 2026
Recorder Perpetuation	1189	
Recorder – Elected Official Training	1217	ALL APPLICABLE DEPT
Surveyor		1000-0006
Drainage Board		1000-0063
Surveyor Corner Perpetuation	1202	
Surveyors – Elected Official Training	1217	ALL APPLICABLE DEPT
Coroner		1000-0007
Prosecutor		1000-0009
Prosecutor Forfeiture	1234	
Pre Trial Diversion	2505	
Infraction Deferral	2506	
Prosecutors PCA	8099	
Pros IV-D Incentive	8897	
Co-Op		1000-0011
County Assessor		1000-0008
Sales Disclosure fund	1131	
Reassessment	1224	
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	
Motor Vehicle Highway	1176	
Cumulative Bridge	1135	
Local Road & Streets	1169	
Fuel System Project 2025		1000-9676
Community Development (DCD)/Plan Commission		1000-0079
Unsafe Building Fund	1207	
IT/Computer Department		1000-0106
Superior Court		1000-0201
Supplemental Pub. Def Services	1200	
Jury Pay	2507	
Circuit Court		1000-0232
Probation Dept.		1000-0274
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	
Treasurer		1000-0003
Treasurer – Elected Official Training	1217	ALL APPLICABLE DEPT

The Budget Hearings went into Recess at 8:12pm, and then began again on TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 @ 6pm.

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The following Budgets were presented to Council:

Department	Special Funds	County General
Clerk		1000-0001
Election & Registration		1000-0104
Clerk's Record Keeping		1000-9604
Perpetuation	1119	
Clerks - Elected Official Training	1217	ALL APPLICABLE DEPT
Clerks 4-D Incentive	8899	

Sheriff		1000-0005
Jail		1000-0380
Courthouse Security		1000-9607
LIT Public Safety	1170	
Medical Care for Inmates	1174	
County Misdemeanant/Corrections	1175	
Sex & Violent Offender	1192	
LIT Correctional Rehab Facility	1233	
Sheriffs Law Education	2503	
K-9	4012	
Sheriffs Bullet Proof Vest	9131	
Htgn. County Statewide E-911	1222	
PSAP (DISPATCH)	4020	
Health Dept.	1159	
Health First Indiana	1161	
County Operations - Facilities		1000-9670
Custodian		1000-0161
O'Donnell Center		1000-9620
Emergency Management		1000-0302
Emergency Planning RTK	1152	
Civil Defense Donations	4103	
Weights & Measures		1000-0308
County Council		1000-0061
LIT Public Safety	1170	
Council – Elected Official Training	1217	ALL APPLICABLE DEPT
LIT - EMS	1236	
Community Corrections		1000-9634

Jaime Hotchkiss made a motion to adjourn the second night of Budget Hearings. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OCTOBER OF 2025:


KENDALL MICKLEY


TERRY MILLER


SHANE BICKEL


JAMIE HOTCHKISS

ATTEST:


JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR


KEITH ELLER


JOHN STOECKLEY


BRIAN WARPUP

