

Regular Session of the County Council of Huntington County, Indiana

November 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 17th day of November 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 November 05, 2025.

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

Council President Kendall Mickley called the meeting to order. Brian Warup 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 October 13, 2025, meeting. John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3:

Tabled until the December meeting.

ITEM 4:

Auditor Jill Landrum presented Ordinance #2025-11-17 for adoption as the 2026 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Terry Miller made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Brian Warup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 5:

Solid Waste Controller Christi McElhaney requested Transfers of Appropriation, as follows:

FROM: 01-15 Part time/Full time	\$6,000.00
TO: 01-22 Pension	\$6,000.00
FROM: 02-12 Education	\$2,000.00
TO: 02-11 General Supplies	\$2,000.00
FROM: 03-11 Legal Services	\$1,000.00
03-92 Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,100.00
TO: 03-30 Trash Fees	\$2,100.00
FROM: 03-94 Maintenance Build	\$537.00
TO: 03-43 Workers Compensation	\$537.00
FROM: 03-25 Recycle Program	\$2,000.00
TO: 03-73 Equipment Repair	\$2,000.00

Brian Warup made a motion to approve the Solid Waste transfers. Jamie Hotchkiss seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 6:

Solid Waste also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$50,000.00 for budget line 001-01-03-93 HHW Program (Hazard Waste Disposal).

Brian Warup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 7:

Surveyor Jerry Meehan Jr. requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$4,950.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.31315.00000.0063 Education, Materials & Programs to 1000.31100.00000.0063 Contract Professional for 2025 Legal Services.

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

ITEM 8:

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, requested Transfers of Appropriation for the department's County General budget, as follows:

FROM: 1000.21200.00000.0106 - Computer Supplies	\$4,500.00
TO: 1000.24500.00000.0106 - Operating Supplies	\$4,500.00
FROM: 1000.45300.00000.0106 - Software – Computer	\$10,000.00
TO: 1000.45302.00000.0106 - Hardware – Computer	\$10,000.00
FROM: 1000.31300.00000.0106 - Education/Training	\$8,000.00
TO: 1000.35200.00000.0106 - Equipment – Leasing	\$8,000.00

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

ITEM 9:

Soil & Water Office Manager Cheryl Jarrett requested an Additional Appropriation of \$1,317.00 in the Soil & Water Fund, as follows:

4913.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$74.00
4913.12200.00000.0000 – Retirement	\$145.00
4913.13020.00000.0000 - Office Manager	\$1,098.00
TOTAL	\$1,317.00

Brian Warup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 10:

County Treasurer Brenda Hamilton requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$116.00 from the department's County General Fund budget line 1000.45100.00000.0003 Office Equipment to 1000.11225.00000.0003 Deputy.

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

ITEM 11:

Sheriff Chris Newton requested Transfers of Appropriation for the Jail's County General budget, as follows:

FROM: 1000.24500.00000.0380 - Operating Supplies	\$6,072.20
TO: 1000.22300.00000.0380 - Uniform/Clothing	\$5,500.00
1000.36101.00000.0380 - Repair/Maintenance	\$572.20
	TOTAL \$6,072.20

AND

FROM: 1000.11330.00000.0380 - Special Deputy	\$92,784.47
TO: 1000.11203.00000.0380 – Jailers	\$80,781.27
1000.11410.00000.0380 - Maintenance Worker	\$3.20
1000.12600.00000.0380 - Holiday Pay	\$7,000.00
1000.12000.00000.0380 – Overtime	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL \$92,784.47

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the transfers. Brian Warup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 12:

Sheriff Newton also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$3,459.20 from the Public Safety LIT budget line 1170.44100.00000.0005 - Equipment to 1170.11100.00000.0005 - Elected Official.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the transfer. Jamie Hotchkiss seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 13:

Dispatch Director Tim Allen requested Transfers of Appropriation in the PSAP Fund 4020, as follows:

FROM: 4020.11625.00000.0000 – Dispatcher	\$30,000.00
TO: 4020.11120.00000.0000 - Part-time	\$12,000.00
4020.11170.00000.0000 – Supervisor	\$6,000.00
4020.12000.00000.0000 – Overtime	\$12,000.00
	TOTAL \$30,000.00

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

ITEM 14:

Tim also requested Transfers of Appropriation in the E911 Fund 1222, as follows:

FROM: 1222.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts	\$12,000.00
TO: 1222.35100.00000.0000 – Utilities	\$12,000.00
FROM: 1222.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts	\$13,300.00
TO: 1222.11000.00000.0000 – Director	\$4,100.00
1222.11005.00000.0000 - Asst. Director	\$3,000.00
1222.37300.00000.0000 - Rental Equipment	\$6,200.00
	TOTAL \$13,300.00

Jamie Hotchkiss made a motion to approve the transfers. Terry Miller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 15:

Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$750.00 from the Health General Fund budget line 1159.22100.00000.0610 - Fuel to 1159.21408.00000.0610 - Clinic Supplies.

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

ITEM 16:

Brian also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$11,500.00 in the LHDMF (Local Health Department Maintenance Fund) 1168, as follows to cover expenses for Preventive Maintenance and Legal Fees:

1168.31100.00000.0610 - Contract Professionals	\$3,500.00
1168.31110.00000.0610 - Non-Contract Professionals	\$8,000.00
	TOTAL \$11,500.00

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

ITEM 17:

Brian also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$2,915.00 from the Health First Indiana Fund budget line 1161.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts to 1161.12200.00000.0000 Retirement.

Brian Warup made a motion to approve the transfer. Jamie Hotchkiss seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 18:

Chief Probation Officer Heather Malone requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$6,712.82 from the department's County General Fund budget line 1000.12000.00000.0274 Overtime to 1000.11500.00000.0274 Probation Administrator.

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

ITEM 19:

The Commissioners submitted a request for an Additional Appropriation of \$90,000.00 for their County General Fund budget line 1000.38550.00000.0068 - Solid Waste Disposal for expenses at the closed County Landfill.

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

ITEM 20:

The Commissioners submitted another request for Transfers of Appropriation in their County General budget, as follows:

FROM: 1000.34510.00000.0068 – Unemployment	\$9,380.31
1000.13250.00000.0068 – Wellness	\$74,748.30
1000.13100.00000.0068 – EAP	\$1,000.00
1000.13400.00000.0068 - ACA Fees	\$72.46
1000.31301.00000.0068 - Pre-employment Screening	\$852.00
1000.31302.00000.0068 - Drug Screens – Random	\$724.00

1000.31060.00000.0068 - EE Immunizations	\$3,500.00
1000.32000.00000.0068 - HR Advertising	\$122.87
1000.31020.00000.0066 - HR Training and Dues	\$596.00
	TOTAL \$90,995.94
TO: 1000.12200.00000.0068 – Retirement	\$51,387.08
1000.12100.00000.0068 - Social Security	\$39,608.86
	TOTAL \$90,995.94
AND	
FROM: 1000.39220.00000.0068 - Burial of Soldiers	\$2,500.00
1000.45650.00000.0068 - Pool Car	\$11,301.00
1000.32500.00000.0068 - Travel Expense	\$2,895.79
1000.33200.00000.0068 - Publication of Legals	\$2,600.00
1000.33600.00000.0068 - Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,142.46
1000.11900.00000.0068 – Longevity	\$500.00
1000.34210.00000.0068 - Building/Liability	\$2,000.00
1000.32100.00000.0068 – Postage	\$305.79
1000.31300.00000.0068 - Training/Education	\$940.00
	TOTAL \$25,185.04
TO: 1000.38540.00000.0068 - Care IN State	\$25,185.04
	TOTAL \$25,185.04

Brian Warup made a motion to approve the transfers. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 21:

Highway Superintendent Bridgett Burkhart requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$37,000.00 in the Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Unrestricted Fund 1176, as follows:

FROM: 1176.27500.00000.0531 – Materials	\$37,000.00
TO: 1176.22100.00000.0533 – Fuel	\$35,000.00
1176.23100.00000.0533 – Tires	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL \$37,000.00

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

ITEM 22:

Drug Court's request for Transfers of Appropriation in their 2025 IDOC Drug Court Grant budget, as follows:

FROM: 9605.32500.00000.9613 - Travel Expenses	\$1,020.00
9605.22600.00000.9613 – Incentives	\$600.00
	TOTAL \$1,620.00
TO: 9605.39500.00000.9613 - Subscriptions/Dues	\$1,020.00
9605.24500.00000.9613 - Operating Supplies	\$600.00
	TOTAL \$1,620.00

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

Drug Court also invited Council members to attend the Drug Court graduation on December 3rd in the Superior Court Room at 4pm.

ITEM 23:

There was discussion to amend the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance for Community Corrections to reflect that any employees whose wages are paid from the Project Income Fund 1122, as a result of depletion of other funding, will also be paid their earned Overtime (1122.12000.00000.9613) and Holiday Pay (1122.12600.00000.9613) wages from the respective budget lines of Fund 1122.

ITEM 24:

Jamie Hotchkiss made a motion to open the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Brian Warup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 25:

Brian Warup made a motion to approve the changes to the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance for Community Corrections, as presented. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 26:

Jamie Hotchkiss made a motion to close the 2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Brian Warup seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 27:

County Council members reviewed the draft of the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule. Terry Miller made a motion to approve 2026 Council Meeting Schedule. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 28 - NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Auditor Jill Landrum mentioned that the 2026 TIF Spending Plan was approved by the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) earlier in the day (11/17/2025) and that she had e-mailed a copy to Council members on 11/17/2025. Jill also mentioned that she would upload the plan to Gateway by December 1, 2025, as required. Council acknowledged by consensus that they received the Plan.

Jill also mentioned that she e-mailed the 1782 Notices for Budget Year 2026 to Council members. Jill indicated that she will make a note on the form regarding the changes for the estimated CVET & FIT revenues and will submit the forms to the DLGF. The Commissioners voted on November 3, 2025, to receipt the CVET & FIT amounts into the County General Fund starting in Fall 2025.

ITEM 29 - REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES for 2025:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warup - Terry provided updated amounts for the Community Correction programs, and also indicated that Wells & Whitley Counties might utilize our Work Release program in the future.

SOLID WASTE - Brian Warup shared that there has been a discussion about a possible Recycle Day; however it would cost approximately \$25,000 - \$35,000.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley indicated that the next meeting would be Thursday, November 20th.

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warup - Nothing to report.

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel was absent.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for December 5th.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller reported that a meeting was held the previous week which included nomination of officers for 2026; a calls and training report; and updated rules and regulations. Keith also reported that EMA was applying for a grant for Court house locks; a \$5,000 NIPSCO grant; and that the old Bippus siren was sold for \$50.00.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller indicated that there was no meeting in November.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Jamie Hotchkiss - Nothing to report.

HCUED - Kendall Mickley indicated that there are a couple finalist for the Director position.

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller reported that there would be a luncheon for County employees on December 20, 2025.

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - Nothing to report.

WHARMM - Jamie Hotchkiss reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025.

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller reported that there would be a meeting on November 20, 2025.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Jamie Hotchkiss reported that there was a meeting on November 13th and overdoses have decreased; they have 2 new ambulances; and Huntington leads on response time.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley indicated that there would be a meeting the next day.

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

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - There was a meeting earlier in the day and they approved the 2026 TIF Spending Plan.

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

ITEM 30:

At 8:13 p.m. Jamie Hotchkiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Warup seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025:

Kendall Mickley

Keith Eller

Terry Miller

John Stoeckley

Shane Bickel

Brian Warup

Jamie Hotchkiss

ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum, Auditor