

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
JULY 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 24th day of July 2023, 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 July 12, 2023.

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

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

ITEM 1: President Kendall Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the June 26, 2023 meeting. Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the minutes. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Several representatives from Parkview Huntington Hospital appeared to provide information and a financial update regarding the local EMS Service. Parkview Huntington Hospital President Doug Selig, Finance Manager Sonya Foraker, EMS Manager Carla Gebert, and Chad Owen, the Director of Parkview Health Samaritan & EMS Services, were all in attendance.

The group provided Council members with paper copies of data that included the volume of EMS runs and transports, expenses, where dollars are going, the local finances, and the impact that Huntington EMS has on our community.

ITEM 3: DCD Director Kim Hostetler requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$8,000.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.31700.00000.0079 Demolition to 1000.31100.00000.0079 Contract Professional.

Kim also requested a transfer of \$1178.00 from budget line 1000.31700.00000.0079 - Demolition to 1000.36200.00000.0079 - Service Contracts.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve both transfer requests. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Probation Officer and JDAI Co-Coordinator Brooke Trice presented an Appropriation request on behalf of Circuit Court Judge Davin Smith. The budget appropriation totaled \$79,799.90 and was for Fund 9668 - JDAI Grant - FYE 23/24 grant, as follows:

9668.11111.00000.9652	Coordinator	\$	39,950.00
9668.12100.00000.9652	Social Security	\$	3,057.00
9668.12200.00000.9652	Retirement	\$	5,672.90
9668.21100.00000.9652	Office Supplies	\$	600.00
9668.21411.00000.9652	Food	\$	3,000.00
9668.21500.00000.9652	Supplies	\$	6,846.00
9668.22600.00000.9652	Probation Incentives	\$	2,700.00
9668.32500.00000.9652	Travel Expenses	\$	6,400.00
9668.31100.00000.9652	Contracts/Professionals	\$	6,850.00
9668.39500.00000.9652	Subscription & Dues	\$	2,724.00
9668.36202.00000.9652	Misc. Services	\$	2,000.00

TOTAL \$ 79,799.90

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

- ITEM 5: Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$58,000.00 from the Local Road & Street budget line 1169.27500.00000.0000 - Materials to 1168.49000.00000.0000 - Equipment.

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

- ITEM 6: Troy also requested an Additional Appropriation of \$500,000.00 for the Motor Vehicle Highway budget line 1176.27515.00000.0531 - Asphalts.

Keith Eller made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- ITEM 7: Troy also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$500,000.00 from the Motor Vehicle Highway budget line 1176.27515.00000.0531 - Asphalts to the MVH Restricted budget line 1173.27515.00000.0531 - Asphalts.

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

- ITEM 8: Troy also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$20,000.00 from the Motor Vehicle Highway budget line 1176.27505.00000.0531 - Calcium & Salt to 1176.36200.00000.0531 Service Contracts.

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

- ITEM 9: Troy requested an Additional Appropriation of \$350,000.00 for the Cum Bridge budget line 1135.36200.00000.0000 Service Contracts.

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- ITEM 10: County Surveyor Jerry Meehan requested a Transfer of Appropriation totaling \$375.00 for the Drainage Board's County General fund, as follows:

FROM: 1000.21100.00000.0063 - Office Supplies	\$	200.00
1000.32100.00000.0063 - Postage	\$	175.00

TO: 1000.31100.00000.0063 - Contract - Professionals	\$	375.00
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Peyton Pike made a motion to approve the transfers. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- ITEM 11: Jerry also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$25,494.12 from the department's County General budget line 1000.11103.00000.0006 - Licensure to 1000.36200.00000.0006 - Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 12: County Clerk Shelly Septer requested to increase hourly rate of pay of all full-time Clerk's Deputies from \$19.03/hour to \$20.45/hour starting January 1, 2024, plus any incentive/increase given by Council to other employees during the budget process.

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

(Agenda Council skipped to ITEM 18 on the agenda to consider another request for Clerk Shelley Septer.
ITEM 18) Shelley requested a Transfer of Appropriation for of \$4,000.00 from the Election's County General budget line 1000.21500.00000.0104 - Supplies to 1000.36200.00000.0104 - Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 13: Sheriff Chris Newton presented a request to increase the Sheriff's department wages for uniformed officers in 2024. He requested that the old matrix be discontinued and a new scale be adopted to include a base rate of \$60,000 plus shift differentials, position increments, instructor/specialty pay, and longevity at \$300 per year of experience.

After discussion and comments from Council members and Commissioners regarding this request, Council member Shane Bickel made a motion to increase the base pay of the Sheriff's officers to \$60,000.00 (plus rank pay), and to also pay for the Shift Differentials, specialty pay, and longevity, as presented. The motion died for a lack of second.

Terry Miller made a motion to table Item 13. Peyton Pike seconded and the motion passed 6-1, with Shane Bickel opposed.

ITEM 14: Sheriff Chris Newton requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$2,700.00 from the Jail's County General budget line 1000.24500.00000.0380 - Operating Supplies to 1000.36200.00000.0380 - Service Contracts.

Sheriff Newton also requested a Transfer of \$4,000.00 from the Jail's County General budget line 1000.24500.00000.0380 Operating Supplies to 1000.44100.00000.0380 - Equipment to purchase an iTouch Fingerprint Machine.

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

ITEM 15: Sheriff Newton requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$8,000.00 from the Sex and Violent Offender Fund budget line 1192.21100.00000.0000 - Office Supplies to 1192.45400.00000.0000 - Furniture.

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

ITEM 16: Public Health Officer Dr. Matt Pflieger requested a Transfer of Appropriation totaling \$6,051.00 for the County Health Fund 1159, as follows:

FROM:	1159.11036.00000.0610 - Medical Assistant	\$	6,051.00
TO:	1159.11038.00000.0610 - Med Asst/PHEP Coord.	\$	4,206.00
	1159.11012.00000.0610 - Specialist II	\$	1,845.00

Dr. Pflieger also requested a Transfer of Appropriation totaling \$7,476.00 for the County Health Fund 1159, as follows:

FROM:	1159.11036.00000.0610 - Medical Assistant	\$	7,476.00
TO:	1159.36000.00000.0610 - Rent	\$	2,000.00
	1159.24500.00000.0610 - Operating Supplies	\$	3,500.00
	1159.32500.00000.0610 - Travel Expenses	\$	1,976.00

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

ITEM 17: Facility Manager Phil Hibbert requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$240.00 from the O'Donnell Center's County General budget line 1000.24500.00000.9620 - Operating Supplies to 1000.3600000.0000.9620 - Rent, for the annual rental of the St. Anne's Garage space that will be used for storage purposes.

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

ITEM 18: This item was presented to Council after ITEM 12.

ITEM 19: NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Human Resource Director Stefanie Barrioz presented a request for Transfers of Appropriation on behalf of the Commissioners. The request was for the ARPA Fund 8950 and totaled \$152,824.35, as follows:

FROM:	8950.12300.00000.0000 - Insurance	\$	120,536.35
	8950.12200.00000.0000 - PERF	\$	20,000.00
	8950.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$	10,000.00
	8950.12600.00000.0000 - Holiday Pay	\$	2,288.00

TOTAL: \$ 152,824.35

TO:	8950.11176.00000.0000 - Living Unit Coordinator	\$	113,000.00
	8950.11239.00000.0000 - Transition Team Manager	\$	39,824.35

TOTAL: \$ 152,824.35

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the request. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Jill Landrum mentioned that she will be advertising for the Council's board appointment vacancies on the Roanoke Library Board and the Board of Zoning & Appeals.

ITEM 20: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY CORRECTION COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup reported that there was no committee meeting.

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Pike reported that a Solid Waste meeting was held and they are working on the budget.

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley reported that the next meeting will be in September.

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

LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION EFFORT (L.A.C.E.)/EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM - Shane Bickel - No meeting in July.

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller reported that there would be a meeting on Friday.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller reported that the next meeting is Wednesday, July 26th.

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller reported that there was no meeting, and the next meeting has been canceled.

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Pike - No meeting

HCUED - Kendall Mickley - Nothing to report

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller - Nothing to report

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley - No meeting

WHARMM - Peyton Pike - No meeting

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller - No meeting

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Pike - Good presentation during Council meeting.

HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley reported that they approved the budget which will be presented to Council.

INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum - No meeting

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley - The annual RDC meeting was held earlier in the month.


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

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2023:


KENDALL MICKLEY

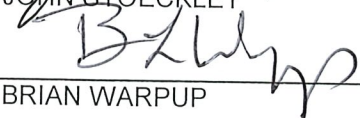

TERRY MILLER


SHANE BICKEL


PEYTON PIKE


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JOHN STOECKLEY


BRIAN WARPUP

ATTEST:


JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR