

REGULAR SESSION & BUDGET HEARINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
AUGUST 20, 2018 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session & budget hearings the 20th day of August, 2018, in the G.A.R. Room of the Huntington County Courthouse, Huntington, Indiana at 6:00 P.M for the purpose of considering all business brought before it pursuant to notice given to the Huntington Herald Press, August 10, 2018

Council Members present: Kendall Mickley, Todd Landrum, Shane Bickel, Terry Miller, John Hacker and Keith Eller. Absent: Ron Kline.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Keith Eller and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM: 1 Todd Landrum made a motion to approve the July 16, 2018 County Council Minutes. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM: 2 Jay Poe, County Surveyor requested to transfer \$500.00 from the 1000-006-10.0016 Tech Operations Coordinator to the 1000-006-10.0014 Part Time. This was due to an employee being off on medical leave and needed to pay a part time person. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM: 3 Cindy Yeiter, Auditor is requesting to appropriate \$2,225.00 from the Plat Book Fund in acct. 1181-999-30.0063 Rebinding Books. Todd Landrum made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM: 4 Robert Jeffers, EMA Director is requesting to appropriate \$2,925.00 from the Civil Defense Donations Fund in acct. 4103-000-20.0015 Misc., for the purchase of radiation monitors. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

John Hacker entered the meeting

NEW / OLD BUSINESS

John Niederman, President / CEO of Pathfinders is requesting from Council an additional \$100,000.00 onetime only for 2019 to assist in the additional costs that are starting to incur that they did not expect to be part of the UB Building project. This is specifically to create a community art center in that block. The University will also be a tenant, Pathfinders will be the landlord or tenant and then they will sublease to the University. Kendall stated that no decision will be made on this request at this time.

Binding Reviews

Scott Husband, Solid Waste Director presented this budget for 2019. Todd stated they are up about \$6,000 from 2018. The total budget request is \$384,220.00. Todd Landrum made a motion to approve the Solid Waste binding review budget. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Taxing Entities Non-Binding Reviews

Council reviewed the estimated Taxing Entities as listed.

Council reviewed the following County Budget requests for 2019 that had increases in their budgets from 2018.

Co-Op – Diana Miller, volunteer on the Extension Board advised Council of the additional funding for a Program Assistant that has combined 2 positions into one.

Recorder – Cheryl Schenkel is requesting to utilize the Chief Deputy Position, causing the increase request.

Surveyor – Jay Poe requesting an increase in his office supplies as he wants to go to the contract with Printer Depot for the copier's cost per copy service contract. Jay also is requesting to increase the miscellaneous contractual service line due to watershed maps. Jay also requested an increase in the vehicle replacement line which is done yearly.

Surveyors Corner Perpetuation fund is requesting an increase due to the fund having more available to them for section corner work.

Commissioners – Larry Buzzard went over the summary sheet provided with the increases requested.

MVH (Highway) – Troy Hostetler advised council of the increases in his budget, mainly for the increase in the foreman position going from 1 to 3. Troy also stated that the main increase is from a new bill that was passed this year that states that 50% of the MVH budget has to be used for the reconstruction of roads.

The fuel line was adjusted to only cover what their department uses, and not budgeting for all the other fuel reimbursements from other entities.

Sheriff – Chief Deputy Chris Newton went over the increases in the Sheriff's Department mainly on the officer's increases to make them more in line. The gasoline line increased due to fuel prices increasing and a lot more transports being done. Firearms replacement also increased.

Jail – Chris Newton went over the Jail increases, these were mainly from the 4 new jailers that were paid out of LIT for 2018 and will be moved to the jail budget for 2019.

A civil library is now a new service that the Jail must provide to the prisoners.

DCD – Mandy Woods advised Council that the main increase in their budget is in the unsafe building fund to compensate for the unsafe fund availability.

Custodian – Greg Ricker, Facilities Manager/Building Inspector – wanted to give Council a building update on the work that has been completed and on what is yet to be done. Greg did not have to go over his budget.

Probation – Heather Malone, Chief Probation Officer advised Council of the increases in her department, several were for the pay scale range increasing, and an additional probation officer request. An increase in office equipment is for 2 new laptops, one for Superior and one for Circuit Courts.

Probation Admin Fund – Heather advised that most of the increases in this fund would be due to a new probation officer.

Supplemental Adult Probation Fund – Heather stated that the increase in the contractual services line is due to the use of home detention monitors.

Circuit Court – Judge Jamie Groves discussed why he created a new line item, Delinquency Pauper Attorney, and that the interpreter & transcripts lines are now being funded out of the general fund due to the decreased funding in the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund lines. Jamie is also going to have a staff reduction, and duties are going to be split differently. Jamie went over all other increases and decreases in his budget.

Superior Court – Judge Jennifer Newton spoke to council about the increase in the caseload in the Probation and Community Corrections departments.

Jenny went over the Auxiliary Court and the increase in the magistrate line which is a state rate increase. The incentive increase is due to an employee's pay that is out of two different funds so part of their incentive will be out of the Auxiliary Court budget.

The Jury Pay fund is used by both Superior and Circuit Courts.

Jenny went over the Supplemental Public Defender Services fund and how this fund has gotten depleted over the years and how she would like to see Circuit Court start collecting fees to go into this fund to help build it back up. Jenny went over the interpreter and transcripts line items and how they need to go back in the general fund.

Jenny went over the part time line item in the Superior Court budget and advised that this line needs to be increased due to conflicts in the court cases. The Pauper Attorney Contract line increased due to not enough funding in the Supplemental Public Defender Services fund and the same for the transcripts line.

Matt Taylor, CCIS Director stated that the bulk of the increases are in his hardware and software maintenance line items. The companies gave Matt the increases in advanced.

The 4016 only had one increase on the phone line item of \$500.00

Phil Zahm, Coroner gave an update on his cases for this year. Phil stated that his fuel line is the only increase in his budget.

Tami Hurlburt, EHFS advised Council that the main increase she had was in her Health Department legal services line due to a lot of problems with people and had to get assistance from attorneys. Tami stated all her other budgets did not change.

The County Council budget increased due to the possibility of more registration, meals, rooms and travel that the members partake in.

Melissa Taylor, E-911 advised Council that the Supplemental Dispatch Salaries were taken out of the E-911 Budget and moved to the PSAP Fund so all salaries are to be paid from one fund. The certification pay was also increased for dispatchers and part time. The holiday pay was increased as well. The assistant director pay was increased, as Erika Devine did some research on other counties to justify this increase. The equipment was increased due to the purchase of new chairs.

The PSAP (Dispatch) budget should be ok due to the increase in the PSAP funding increase.

Robert Jeffers, EMA Director advised Council that the only increase he had is in the vehicle line but he did make adjustments to other lines that he increased and decreased.

Cindy Yeiter, Auditor advised Council that her Auditors dues and the subscriptions have both increased in cost which is why the budget has increased.

ITEM: 5 ADJOURNMENT

Todd Landrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018

ATTEST: _____
CINDY YEITER, AUDITOR

KENDALL MICKLEY

TERRY MILLER

-ABSENT
RON KLINE

SHANE BICKEL

JOHN HACKER

TODD LANDRUM

KEITH ELLER