

REGULAR SESSION & BUDGET HEARINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA  
AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Huntington County Council met in regular session & budget hearings the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> days of August, 2020, 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 posted in the Gateway website on August 7, 2020.

Council Members present: Ron Kline, Kendall Mickley, Keith Eller, Terry Miller, Kittie Keiffer, Phil Hibbert, and Shane Bickel.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Terry Miller and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1: Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve the June 22, 2020 County Council minutes. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0. These minutes were not approved at the July meeting due to a lack of enough members to vote.

Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve the July 27, 2020 County Council minutes. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: Commissioner Tom Wall requested an appropriation of \$5,356.43 in the 4941 Pool Car fund in account 36100.000.0000 Repairs. Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Tom also requested an appropriation of \$200,000.00 in the 1112 LIT Economic Development fund in account 21526.000.0000 COVID-19. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Tom also introduced Aliza Tourkow, the Economic Recovery Director & Grant Program Manager Consultant that the Commissioners hired to process COVID-related grants.

ITEM 3: Tami Hurlburt, IHFS, requested an appropriation of funds in the 9118 Health Bio Terrorism fund for \$31,895.00 in the following accounts:

9118.11120 Part Time \$16,669.00  
9118.12100 Social Security \$1,111.00  
9118.21100 Base Supplies \$12,715.00  
9118.32200 Travel \$200.00  
9118.34200 Misc. Expenses \$1200.00.

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

Tami also requested a transfer of \$800.00 from the 1159.25000.000.0610 Environmental Expenses line item to the 1159-21402.000.0610 Garage and Motor Supplies line item. Phil Hibbert made a motion to approve this request. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, requested a transfer of \$17,200.00 from the 1000-36201.000.0106 Hardware Maintenance Contract line item to the 1000-36205.000.0106 Software line item. Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADDED BUSINESS: Commissioner Rob Miller advised Council about the potential for approving a full time position for an administrative assistant for the Commissioner's Office/ Highway Department and the Redevelopment Commission. Rob stated that COVID-19 has put a lot on the Commissioner's Office, as well as the Jail Expansion Project, which are not permanent things but have put another layer of administrative paperwork that they have not had before. In addition, there are some sewer consolidation projects, with 4 sewer districts and the County is on the verge of acquiring more facilities. Rob further explained that the Highway Superintendent has a significant work load of paperwork that he has to take care of. Rob requested that they split 50% of the wage and health insurance package with the general fund, another 40% with the MVH fund and the remaining 0% with the Huntington County Redevelopment Commission. Keith Eller made a motion to approve this request. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 6-1 with Kittie Keiffer voting against.

ITEM 5: Shane Bickel made a motion to open the salary ordinance. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Jill Landrum spoke on behalf of Erin Wiley, whom was unable to attend. Erin was granted some money through Drug Court and previously she had been taking part of her salary out of Fund 2000 Adult Probation Admin Fee. The new grant (Fund 9659 – 2020 Supreme Court Grant) is going to span the rest of this year and into 2021, and can be used to pay a portion of Erin's Salary for the remainder of this year. This would in turn relieve Fund 2000. Erin requested that \$139.42 of her salary be paid each pay period from the new Grant 9659, starting with the first pay period of September 2020 and continuing for the remainder of 2020. This will not change her overall salary, and will just change the fund that it is paid from. Erin will also be coming before Council in October with her actual budget. Kendall Mickley made a motion to change the fund that Erin is partially being paid from. Phil Hibbert seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Rob Miller was asked when the full-time Administrative Assistant would be starting, and he indicated that they hoped to send out an offer of employment the next day or two and that the new employee would be starting approximately two weeks following acceptance of the offer. Kendall Mickley made a motion to allocate the per pay amount based off the annual wages of \$33,462, split up by General Fund 50%, Highway 40% and Redevelopment Commission 10%, and the county's share of health insurance costs to be split the same. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 6-1 with Kittie Keiffer voting against.

Keith Eller made a motion to close the Salary Ordinance. Kendall Mickley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Andrews Library Director, Nancy Disbro, contacted Jill regarding the change of legislation that recently happened for Binding Review of Libraries. If 50% or more of the assessed valuation lies

in Dallas Township instead of Town of Andrews that makes Huntington County Council their fiscal body with the new terms. As a formality they are asking that the Council President sign a Declaration of Fiscal Body. Kittie Keiffer made a motion to approve having Ron Kline sign this Declaration. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Jill Landrum requested permission from Council to fill the vacant part-time position in the Auditor's office. Kendall Mickley made a motion to approve this request. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

### **SOLID WASTE BINDING REVIEWS:**

Christi McElhaney, Controller for Solid Waste, and Scott Husband, Director for Solid Waste, presented their 2020 budget for Council to review. Scott stated that their overall budget increased from \$376,597.00 to \$395,349.00.

Council reviewed all other taxing unit levies.

The 2021 Budget Hearings Began.

The following departments presented their budgets.

### **Monday, August 17, 2020**

Council reviewed all county budgets and asked the department heads to advise them of any changes to their budgets in addition to the 3% incentive, the longevity pay for 2021, and the additional pay for 2021, which is a 27 pay year.

#### Extension/Co – Op

Clerk – Shelly advised Council that the Maintenance Contracts line can be cut to zero.

- Election & Reg

- Clerks Record Keeping

- Clerks Records Perpetuation

- Clerks IVD Incentive

- Clerks County Elected Officials Training

#### Treasurer

- Treasurers County Elected Officials Training

#### Recorder

- Recorders Record Perpetuation

- Identification Security Protection

- Recorders County Elected Officials Training

#### Commissioners

- Cumulative Courthouse

- LIT Economic Development

- Pool Car

- Bond & Interest Fund

#### Motor Vehicle Highway

- Cumulative Bridge
- Local Road and Street
- Sheriff
  - Jail
  - Courthouse Security
  - Misdemeanant
  - Medical Care for Inmates
  - Sex and Violent Offender Admin
  - K-9
  - Sheriff Law Education
  - Sheriff Bullet Proof Vests
  - Sheriffs Drug Seized Money
- Assessor
  - Reassessment
  - Sales Disclosure
- Department of Community Development
  - Unsafe Building
- Soil & Water
- Veterans
  - Veterans Recognition Donations
- Prosecutor
  - 4-D Prosecutor
  - Prosecutor IV-d Incentive
  - Pre Trial Diversion
  - Infraction Deferral
  - Prosecutors PCA

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## **Budget Hearings Continued Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Phil Hibbert was absent this night.

- Court House Custodian
- Probation
  - Adult Probation Admin
  - Circuit Court Juvenile Probation
  - Drug Testing Probation
  - County Offender Transportation
  - Superior Court Adult Probation Fee

Kendall Mickley entered the meeting.

- Circuit Court
- Superior Court
  - Jury Pay
  - Supplemental Public Defender Services

Computer Dept  
Coroner  
    Coroner's Donations  
Health Department  
    Local Health Maintenance  
    Base Public Health Preparedness  
    Indiana Local Health Dept Trust  
    Health Bio Terrorism  
    SIA Foundation Grant

BREAK

Huntington County Statewide E-911  
    PSAP (Dispatch)  
Weights & Measurers  
Emergency Management  
    Emergency Planning Right to Know (LEPC)  
    Civil Defense Donations  
Surveyor  
    Surveyors Corner Perpetuation  
    Surveyors County Elected Officials Training  
    Drainage Board  
    GIS  
County Council  
    LOIT  
Auditor  
    Auditors Ineligible Deduction  
    Auditors County Elected Officials Training Fund

Kittie Keiffer made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearings. Kendall Mickley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

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KENDALL MICKLEY

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TERRY MILLER

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RON KLINE

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SHANE BICKEL

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KITTIE KEIFFER

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PHIL HIBBERT

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KEITH ELLER