

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY INDIANA
JANUARY 22, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The Huntington County Council met in regular session on the 22nd day of January, 2024 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 January 11, 2024.

Council Members Present: Kendall Mickley, Terry Miller, Shane Bickel, Peyton Miller, Keith Eller, 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 Mickley requested nominations for 2024 Council Officers. Terry Miller made a motion to reappoint Kendall Mickley as Council President. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Kendall Mickley made a motion to appoint Terry Miller as Council Vice President for 2024. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 2: President Mickley asked for approval of the County Council minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting. Terry Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 3: County Auditor Jill Landrum presented a request on behalf of Jan Williams, Treasurer for LACE, for a Budget Appropriation of \$80,000.00 for Fund 1148 - Drug Free Community in budget line 1148.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

Brian Warpup motioned to approve the Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 4: Auditor Landrum also presented a request on behalf of Jan Williams, Director of Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County, for a Budget Appropriation of \$18,000.00 for Fund 9663 - GAL/CASA Building Capacity Grant budget line 9663.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contract.

Keith Eller motioned to approve the Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 5: Auditor Landrum also presented a Budget Appropriation request of \$45,000.00 for Fund 9667 - GAL/CASA Matching Grant budget line 9667.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contract.

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

ITEM 6: Superior Court Judge Jennifer Newton presented a request for Grant Appropriations totaling \$164,671.00 for the 2024 Drug Court Grant, for the following budget lines:

9604.11111.00000.9612	Drug Court Coordinator	\$	68,694.00
9604.11347.00000.9612	Drug Court Prob Officer	\$	24,596.50
9604.12100.00000.9612	Social Security	\$	8,842.00
9604.12200.00000.9612	Retirement	\$	16,740.00
9604.12300.00000.9612	Insurance	\$	15,797.00
9604.34300.00000.9612	Workers Compensation	\$	2,595.00

9604.34510.00000.9612	Unemployment	\$	293.50
9604.21100.00000.9612	Office Supplies	\$	300.00
9604.24500.00000.9612	Operating Supplies	\$	250.00
9604.21900.00000.9612	Drug Testing	\$	500.00
9604.31000.00000.9612	Printing	\$	300.00
9604.32500.00000.9612	Travel Expense	\$	23,000.00
9604.22600.00000.9612	Incentives	\$	200.00
9604.32301.00000.9612	Cell Phone	\$	563.00
9604.12000.00000.9612	Overtime	\$	2,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$	164,671.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 7: Judge Newton also presented a request on behalf of Drug Court Coordinator Erin Wiley for an Appropriation of \$2,640.00 in the 2024 LACE - Drug Court Grant budget line 9686.22600.00000.0000 - Incentives.

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

ITEM 8: Superior Court Judge Jenny Newton requested Grant Appropriations totaling \$10,000.00 for Fund 9678 - 2024 Problem Solving Grant, for the following budget lines:

9678.22600.00000.0000 - Incentives	\$	1,800.00
9678.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Testing	\$	750.00
9678.24500.00000.0000 - Graduation Supplies	\$	375.00
9678.39800.00000.0000 - Misc. Supplies	\$	1,175.00
9678.32500.00000.0000 - Travel Expense	\$	5,000.00
9678.39500.00000.0000 - Subscription & Dues	\$	900.00
	TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

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

ITEM 9: Judge Newton also requested an Appropriation of \$281.55 for Fund 9677 - 2023 (Partial) Problem Solving Grant budget line 9677.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies to purchase graduation supplies.

John Stoeckley made a motion to approve the Appropriation. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 10: Judge Newton also requested an Appropriation of \$4,000 for Fund 9676 - 2023 Court Interpreter Emergency Grant budget line 9676.31800.00000.0000 - Interpreter.

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

ITEM 11: EMA Director Robert Jeffers & Deputy Director Thomas Fuller requested an Appropriation of \$1,500.00 for the Fund 1152 - Emergency Planning Right to Know (LEPC) budget line 1152.31300.00000.0000 - Education/Training.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Appropriation. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 12: Robert Jeffers also requested an Appropriation of \$2,399.00 for the department's County General Fund budget line 1000.35120.00000.0302 - Vehicle Service/Repair to pay for the insurance deductible and damages to the department's vehicle in 2023 when striking a deer.

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

ITEM 13: Clerk Shelley Septer requested an Additional Appropriation of \$500.00 in the department's County General fund budget line 1000.11900.00000.0001 - Longevity.

Brian Warpup made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 14: Chief Probation Officer Heather Malone requested a Grant Appropriation of \$2,310.00 in the 2024 LACE - Probation Grant budget line 9685.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Test Supplies.

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

ITEM 15: Heather also requested an Appropriation of \$1,856.63 in the 2023 LACE - Probation Grant budget line 9682.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Test Supplies.

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

ITEM 16: Commissioner Tom Wall requested an Additional Appropriation of \$32,312.00 in the LIT EMS budget line 1236.38000.00000.0000 Emergency Operations, for 2024 Parkview EMS Services.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Keith Eller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 17: Commissioner Wall requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$5,000.00 from the department's County General budget line 1000.36200.00000.0068 - Service Contracts to 1000.35100.00000.0068 - Utilities to cover expenses at the Warren Street Annex.

Terry Miller made a motion to approve the Transfer of \$5,000.00. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 18: Commissioner Wall requested an Additional Appropriation of \$14,000.00 for their General Fund budget line 1000.38530.00000.0068 to increase the amount distributed to the 4-H Fair Association. This increase is due to the removal of the separate tax rate for 4-H starting in 2024 and going forward in lieu of having a tax levy.

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

Council moved to Items 25-31 on the Agenda.

ITEM 25: Sheriff Chris Newton and Auditor Jill Landrum requested Grant Appropriations totaling \$114,288.23 for the JCAP grant, for the following budget lines:

9237.11033.00000.0000 - Jail Inmate Advocate	\$	44,000.00
9237.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement	\$	6,248.00
9237.12300.00000.0000 - Group Insurance	\$	10,135.70
9237.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$	3,366.00

9237.34510.00000.0000 - Unemployment	\$	47.50
9237.34300.00000.0000 - Workers Comp	\$	741.03
9237.31100.00000.0000 - Contract Professional	\$	44,000.00
9237.21500.00000.0000 - Supplies	\$	750.00
9237.24500.00000.0000 - Operating Supplies	\$	5,000.00
Total	\$	114,288.23

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

ITEM 26: Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the 2022-2 CCMG Grant budget line 9142.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 27: Troy also requested an Appropriation of \$716,281.58 for the 2023-1 CCMG Grant budget line 9143.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts.

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

ITEM 28: Troy also requested Transfers of Appropriation for the MVH Fund 1176 and MVH - Restricted Fund 1173, as follows:

FROM: 1176.27500.00000.0531 - Materials	\$	350,000.00
1176.27510.00000.0531 - Aggregates	\$	265,000.00
1176.27515.00000.0531 - Asphalts	\$	490,000.00
1176.27520.00000.0531 - Signs, Post & Guardrails	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	1,110,000.00
TO: 1173.27500.00000.0531 - Materials	\$	350,000.00
1173.27510.00000.0531 - Aggregates	\$	265,000.00
1173.27515.00000.0531 - Asphalts	\$	490,000.00
1173.27520.00000.0531 - Signs, Post & Guardrails	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL:	\$	1,110,000.00

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

ITEM 29: Public Health Administrator Brian Trueblood requested an Appropriation of \$165,846.00 for the General Health Fund 1159 budget line 1159.31100.00000.0610 - Contract Professionals.

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

ITEM 30: Brian also requested a Transfer of Appropriation of \$11,247.00 from the General Health Fund budget line 1159.11335.00000.0610 - Health Officer to 1159.11262.00000.0610 - Registrar/Env Health Sanitarian.

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

ITEM 31: Brian also requested Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$30,669.00 in the Health First Indiana Fund 1161, as follows:

FROM: 1161.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts	\$	30,669.00
TO: 1161.11335.00000.0000 - Health Officer	\$	20,669.00
1161.25000.00000.0000 - Environmental Expense	\$	10,000.00

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

Council moved to Item 38 on the Agenda.

ITEM 38: ENCUMBRANCE for Council Approval:

JAIL - COUNTY GENERAL FUND

1000.36200.00000.0380 - Service Contracts	
Commissary Reimbursement - Lexis Nexis - Inv#1254721-20230930	\$200.00
Commissary Reimbursement - Lexis Nexis - Inv#1254721-20231031	\$200.00
Lexis Nexis - Inv#1254721-20231231	\$205.50

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

Council moved to Items 19-24 on the Agenda.

ITEM 19: There was discussion of changes requested for the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance, as follows:

Community Corrections - Increase employee wages by 3%, which was not done when the 2024 Wage & Salary was adopted or amended previously, due to delayed approval of grant.

Community Corrections - Change six full-time Living Unit Coordinator (11176) positions to be paid from the Community Catalyst Fund 8760, once ARPA funding is depleted. Pay rates to remain the same.

Drug Court - Add Overtime (Acct #12000) total of \$2,000 to the positions paid from the Drug Court Grant Fund 9604.

ITEM 20: Shane Bickel made a motion to open the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 21: Terry Miller made a motion to approve the increase of 3% for Community Corrections employees that did not receive the increase as part of the 2024 budget process, and to amend the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance accordingly. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 22: Terry Miller made a motion to change the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance to show six (6) of Community Corrections' full-time Living Unit Coordinator (11176) positions to be paid from the Community Catalyst Fund 8760, once ARPA funding is depleted. The pay rates of the positions will remain the same. Brian Warpup seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 23: Shane Bickel made a motion to add the Overtime account #12000 in the amount of \$2,000 to the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance for Drug Court Fund 9604. John Stoeckley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 24: Terry Miller made a motion to close the 2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Council moved to Items 32-37 on the Agenda.

ITEM 32: Judge Jennifer Newton presented a request on behalf of Community Corrections Director Leslie Rentschler for Transfers of Appropriation totaling \$130,000.00 in the Community Catalyst Fund 8760, as follows:

FROM: 8760.12300.00000.0000 - Group Insurance	\$	130,000.00
TO: 8760.12000.00000.0000 - Overtime	\$	66,000.00
8760.12600.00000.0000 - Holiday Pay	\$	64,000.00

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the transfers. Peyton Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 33: Judge Newton also presented a request for Budget Appropriations totaling \$352,227.00 for the 2024 Community Corrections Grant Fund 9316, as follows:

9316.11000.00000.9612 - Director	\$	72,642.58
9316.11005.00000.9612 - Assistant Director	\$	59,740.00
9316.11108.00000.9612 - Field Officer	\$	41,983.50
9316.11111.00000.9612 - Coordinator	\$	44,284.50
9316.11515.00000.9612 - Financial Data Analyst	\$	46,332.00
9316.13020.00000.9612 - Office Manager	\$	39,117.00
9316.32500.00000.9612 - Travel Expense	\$	4,150.22
9316.36200.00000.9612 - Service Contracts	\$	43,977.20

TOTAL: \$ 352,227.00

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

ITEM 34: Judge Newton also requested Budget Appropriations totaling \$235,000.00 for the 2024 Community Corrections - RESIDENTIAL WORK RELEASE Grant Fund 9316, as follows:

9316.11111.00000.9632 - Coordinator	\$	44,290.00
9316.11174.00000.9632 - Residential Living Supervisor	\$	56,650.00
9316.11239.00000.9632 - Transition Team Manager	\$	46,350.00
9316.12000.00000.9632 - Overtime	\$	30,801.14
9316.12100.00000.9632 - Social Security	\$	4,207.50
9316.12200.00000.9632 - Retirement	\$	7,810.00
9316.12300.00000.9632 - Group Insurance	\$	40,313.36
9316.12600.00000.9632 - Holiday Pay	\$	4,290.00
9316.34300.00000.9632 - Worker's Compensation	\$	88.00
9316.34510.00000.9632 - Unemployment	\$	200.00

TOTAL: \$ 235,000.00

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

ITEM 35: Judge Newton also presented a request for Budget Appropriations totaling \$551,016.61 for Community Correction's 2024 Project Income Fund 1122, as follows:

1122.11336.00000.9612 - Surveillance Officer	\$	31,924.36
1122.11900.00000.9612 - Longevity	\$	12,830.53
1122.12100.00000.9612 - Social Security	\$	25,062.64
1122.12200.00000.9612 - Retirement	\$	42,121.00
1122.12300.00000.9612 - Group Insurance	\$	241,880.16
1122.21100.00000.9612 - Office Supplies	\$	6,000.00
1122.21411.00000.9612 - Food	\$	5,000.00
1122.21420.00000.9612 - Cleaning Supplies	\$	3,750.00
1122.21500.00000.9612 - Supplies	\$	7,250.00
1122.21900.00000.9612 - Drug Test Supplies	\$	3,000.00
1122.27500.00000.9612 - Materials	\$	9,000.00
1122.31000.00000.9612 - Printing	\$	5,000.00
1122.31315.00000.9612 - Education Material & Programs	\$	2,000.00
1122.32100.00000.9612 - Postage	\$	200.00
1122.32300.00000.9612 - Telephone	\$	3,500.00
1122.32500.00000.9612 - Travel Expense	\$	11,000.00
1122.34300.00000.9612 - Worker's Compensation	\$	4,552.97
1122.34510.00000.9612 - Unemployment	\$	1,344.95
1122.35100.00000.9612 - Utilities	\$	35,000.00
1122.36200.00000.9612 - Service Contracts	\$	74,600.00
1122.44400.00000.9612 - Data Process Equipment	\$	24,000.00
1122.45100.00000.9612 - Office Equipment	\$	2,000.00
TOTAL:		\$ 551,016.61

Shane Bickel made a motion to approve the Budget Appropriations. Terry Miller seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ITEM 36: Judge Newton also requested Budget Appropriations totaling \$146,560.00 for Community Correction's 2024 Pretrial Services Grant Fund 9673, as follows:

9673.11111.00000.0000 - Pretrial Coordinator	\$	50,500.00
9673.11116.00000.0000 - Pretrial Asst. Coordinator	\$	38,000.00
9673.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$	3,927.51
9673.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement	\$	6,415.71
9673.12300.00000.0000 - Group Insurance	\$	15,150.00
9673.21100.00000.0000 - Office Supplies	\$	300.00
9673.21900.00000.0000 - Drug Test Supplies	\$	2,000.00
9673.21500.00000.0000 - Supplies	\$	200.00
9673.32300.00000.0000 - Telephone	\$	450.00
9673.32500.00000.0000 - Travel Expense	\$	1,500.00
9673.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contracts	\$	27,000.00
9673.34300.00000.0000 - Worker's Compensation	\$	861.08
9673.34510.00000.0000 - Unemployment	\$	195.70
9673.39500.00000.0000 - Subscription & Dues	\$	60.00
TOTAL:		\$ 146,560.00

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

ITEM 37: Judge Newton also requested Budget Appropriations totaling \$289,106.00 for Community Correction's 2024 SIM Grant Fund 8660, as follows:

8660.11111.00000.0000 - Coordinator	\$	50,400.00
8660.11116.00000.0000 - Pretrial Asst. Coordinator	\$	38,000.00
8660.12100.00000.0000 - Social Security	\$	13,534.40
8660.12200.00000.0000 - Retirement	\$	12,941.88
8660.12300.00000.0000 - Insurance	\$	80,626.72
8660.36200.00000.0000 - Service Contract	\$	93,603.00
TOTAL:		\$ 289,106.00

Peyton Miller made a motion to approve this Budget Appropriation. Shane Bickel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Council moved to Item 39 on the Agenda.

ITEM 39: There was no new/old business discussed.

ITEM 40: REPORTS & ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES:
Council members decided to remain on the same committees for 2024 that they served on in 2023.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION COMMITTEE - Terry Miller & Brian Warpup - No meeting in January

SOLID WASTE - Peyton Miller

3-A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - John Stoeckley

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Keith Eller, John Stoeckley, & Brian Warpup

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

LIME CITY DEVELOPMENT - Terry Miller - Meeting will be held on Friday, January 26th

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Keith Eller

PLAN COMMISSION - Terry Miller

C.E.D.I.T. ADVISORY - Peyton Miller

HCUED - Kendall Mickley reported that there was a meeting in December and they covered a lot of good stuff.

ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) - Keith Eller

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW - John Stoeckley

WHARMM - Peyton Miller

COMMISSIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Keith Eller

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Peyton Miller


HCPSD COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley was unable to attend the last meeting.


INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE - Kendall Mickley & Jill Landrum

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) - Terry Miller & John Stoeckley

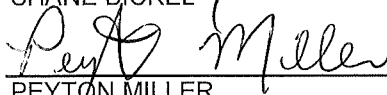
ITEM 41: Brian Warpup made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Eller seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024:


KENDALL MICKLEY

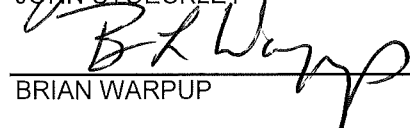

TERRY MILLER


SHANE BICKEL


PEYTON MILLER


KEITH ELLER


JOHN STOECKLEY


BRIAN WARPUP

ATTEST: 
JILL M. LANDRUM, AUDITOR

