

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Larry Scott on Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with the following in attendance: David Cox, Nancy Marsh, David Wyeth, Eric Wathen, Larry Scott, Charles Parsons, Larry Hesson, Auditor Ann Stark, Financial Administrator Paula Alkire and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Mr. Wyeth led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Larry Hesson motioned and Charles Parsons seconded to approve the meeting minutes from October 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed 6-0-1. Eric Wathen abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE YAP PLAQUES**

David Cox motioned approving the cost of additional plaques for the YAP award. Larry Hesson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF WAGE SCHEDULE INCREASE**

Auditor Ann Stark wanted to correct a motion made at the Budget Hearings in August that increased the Wage Schedule by 4%. Due to the Council's decision to remove performance pay from an employee's salary and instead pay it out as bonus pay, the schedule should increase by 3% instead of the original 4%. Nancy Marsh motioned to increase the wage schedule by 3% instead of 4%. David Cox seconded. Motion passed 6-1. Eric Wathen opposed.

**IN THE MATTER OF CHIEF DEPUTIES RECEIVING BONUS PAY**

Auditor Ann Stark wanted confirmation if the Chief Deputies would receive the 4% increase for 2026 as the Elected Officials did, or if they would receive the 3% with Bonus Pay like the rest of the employees. There was discussion about Chief Deputies making 85% of the Elected Officials. Larry Hesson motioned to do away with the 85% consideration regarding Chief Deputies salaries. Nancy Marsh seconded. Motion passed 5-2. Eric Wathen and David Wyeth opposed. David Cox motioned to give 3% plus Bonus Pay to Chief Deputies. Mrs. Marsh seconded and the motion passed 6-1. David Wyeth opposed it. There was discussion on changing Elected Officials increase to 3% to match employees. Eric Wathen motioned to give Elected Officials 3% pay increase instead of the 4% for 2026. Nancy Marsh seconded. Motion passed 5-2. David Cox and David Wyeth opposed.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2026**

David Cox motioned to move Council meetings to the first Tuesday of the month. There was not a second, motion died. Eric Wathen motioned to approve the tentative calendar, David Wyeth seconded. Motion passed 6-1, David Cox opposed.

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO GO ABOVE MIDPOINT FOR 10206**

Auditor Ann Stark presented the case to increase the wage for a transferred employee due to experience and knowledge of the job. David Cox moved to approve the increase. Larry Scott seconded.

There was discussion on the subject. Motion failed 2-5. Opposed were Nancy Marsh, David Wyeth, Charles Parsons, Larry Hesson and Eric Wathen.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BROWNSBURG LIBRARY APPOINTMENT FOR 2026**

Eric Wathen moved to approve Valerie Khatadia for reappointment to the Brownsburg Library. Larry Hesson seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING HC PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR 2026**

David Cox motioned to approve Brad Eisenhart for appointment to the Park Board for 2026. David Wyeth seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF HENDRICKS COUNTY BUDGET & SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW**

Greg Guerrettaz from Financial Solutions Group presented the Hendricks County Sustainability Report.

Examples of the strength currently in place, regarding the County, are outlined below:

1. General Fund balance increased by \$12,446,244 in 2024. The balance is over \$48,000,000 and will help buffer the County, going forward in these times of increasing costs like the County is incurring now. The General Fund was helped in 2024 by interest income of over \$12,000,000. We expect that to continue in 2025 and possibly 2026. Thereafter we expect it to return to more normal level which will reduce the General Fund Revenue beginning in 2027.
2. The County maintained a strong Rainy-Day Fund, with a balance of over \$13,000,000.
3. Assessed value in the County has increased for over 10 consecutive years and grew by over 8% for taxes payable in 2019, over 4.89% for 2020, over 5.77% for 2021, over 10.87% for 2022, over 15.84% in 2023, over 6.36% for 2024 and over 13.67% for pay 2025.
4. The County is projected to maintain strong balances in the CCD Fund, EDIT Fund, and Food and Beverage Fund;

Reevaluating Local Income Tax could be a possibility to compensate for the loss of revenue in the General Fund.

### **IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE ON RONALD REAGAN BONDS**

Mr. Guerrettaz shared the news that the Commissioners signed a contract with Baird & Co to sell the bonds for the next stretch of Ronald Reagan, which came in to bid for less than \$30 million. Council gave consensus to move forward with the selling of the bonds.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ADDITIONALS**

The public hearing opened for additional appropriations. No comment was heard. The public hearing was closed. Eric Wathen moved to approve all 5 requests. Larry Hesson seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

### **EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Whereas, certain extraordinary emergencies have developed since the adoption of the existing budget, so that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; therefore, to meet such extraordinary emergencies;

Be it ordained by the County Council of Hendricks County, Indiana, that for the expense of said County the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds as herein and for the purpose herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	APPROVED
1.	Assessor/Auditor Request	1001.11300.000.0109	Personal Services	\$313.00	\$313.00
2.	Council	1001.30200.000.0149	Contract Services	\$14,273.00	\$14,273.00
3.	Coroner	1001.33800.000.0107	Contract Services	\$30,000	\$30,000
4.	Auditor	1237.30008.000.0102	Opioid Settlement Restricted	\$54,714.54	\$54,714.54
5.	Highway	4403.36600.000.0201	Pittsboro TIF	\$78,702.54	\$78,702.54

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

**AYE**

/s/ Nancy Marsh  
/s/ David Cox  
/s/ David Wyeth  
/s/ Eric Wathen  
/s/ Larry R. Scott  
/s/ Larry Hesson  
/s/ Charles Parsons

**NAY**

ATTEST: /s/ Ann Stark, Auditor

### **IN THE MATTER OF REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Eric Wathen moved to approve the 2 transfer requests as presented. Charles Parsons seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **REALLOCATION OF FUNDS RESOLUTION**

Be it resolved by the County Council of Hendricks County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the unit of Government of Hendricks County, the following sums of money previously appropriated for expenditures from a detailed account within a major classification, are hereby reallocated to another detailed account within a different classification as originally appropriated, all as herein specified.

	DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	Y/N
1.	Clean Water	1001.21002.000.0161	1001.30317.000.0161	\$4086.34	Y
2.	Facilities	4613.41142.000.0136	4613.30202.000.0136	\$4605.00	Y

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/s/ David Wyeth  
/s/ David Cox  
/s/ Eric Wathen  
/s/ Larry R. Scott  
/s/ Larry Hesson  
/s/ Charles Parsons

ATTEST: /s/ Ann Stark, Auditor

**OTHER BUSINESS**

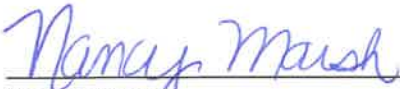
The Status of Funds were presented and acknowledged.  
The Sheriff's Commissary Report was presented and acknowledged.  
The Updated HR Report was presented and acknowledged.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anthony Gary asked if other documents could be linked on the website when posting the Council agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by President Larry Scott at 10:20 a.m.


**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL**



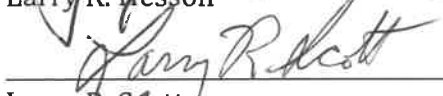
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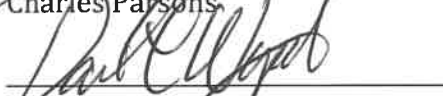
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ATTEST:



Ann Stark, Hendricks County Auditor