

HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday January 2, 2024 with the following in attendance: Councilmen Caleb Brown, David Cox, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, David Wyeth, Financial Administrator Paula Alkire, Auditor Nancy Marsh, and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilman David Wyeth led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE 2024 HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL

Council President Eric Wathen opened the floor for nominations for President. It was moved by Caleb Brown and seconded by Larry Hesson to nominate Eric Wathen as the 2024 Council President. Motion carried 6-0. Councilman Larry Hesson stated that in the past, there was a rotation for the President, and he would like to present that for consideration in the future years. President Wathen opened the floor for nominations for Vice President., It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Larry Hesson to nominate Caleb Brown as the 2024 Council Vice President. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2024 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Each Council Member was polled on their willingness to serve their same organizations in 2024. Councilman Brad Whicker had previously given his consent to continue his appointment to the Area Plan Commission

It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by David Cox to approve the following 2024 Council member appointments. Motion carried 6-0.

<u>BOARD</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Area Plan Commission	Brad Whicker	12/31/2024
EMA Advisory Board	Larry Scott	12/31/2024
Fair Board	David Wyeth	12/31/2024
HCEDP	David Wyeth	12/31/2024
Health Board Liaison	Larry Hesson	12/31/2024
Senior Services	David Cox	12/31/2024
HC Recycling District Board	Eric Wathen	12/31/2024
HC Recycling District Board	Caleb Brown	12/31/2024
Youth Assistance Program (YAP)	David Cox	12/31/2024
HCCC Advisory Board	Eric Wathen	12/31/2024
Purdue Extension	David Cox & Eric Wathen	12/31/2024

<u>BOARD</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
HCCVB	Caleb Brown	12/31/2024 (BCC Appointment)
Regional Transportation Authority	Larry Hesson	12/31/2026 (BCC Appointed 4 Year)
Community Corrections Advisory	Larry Hesson	12/31/2026 (BCC Appointed 4 Year)
Hendricks College Network	Larry Scott	3/15/24 (Network Appointment 3 Year)

OTHER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she had reached out to the appointees and nominees to affirm their interest to continue to serve. Auditor Marsh stated she had heard from everyone except the Brownsburg and Avon recommendations for nomination to their Economic Development Commissions.

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to reappoint Nicholas Schmutte to the Alcohol Beverage Commission, Walt O'Riley to the Area Plan Commission, Jud Wolfe, and Linda Watson Stansbury to

the Hendricks County Economic Development Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2024 and nominate Tom Downard, Gary Avery, Jerry Vornholt, and Scott Slavens to the towns for their consideration for appointment to their Economic Development Commission. Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Eric Wathen stated there were two applicants to replace the Hendricks County Park and Recreation Board member J.W. (Bill) Dumond, who resigned. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to appoint Julie Dougherty to the Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Board for a four year term ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried 6-0.

<u>BOARD</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Alcohol Beverage Commission	Nicholas G. Schmutte	12/31/2024
Area Plan Commission	Walt O'Riley	12/31/2027
Avon EDC	Tom Downard	2/1/2025
Danville EDC	Jerry Vornholt	2/1/2025
Plainfield EDC	Scott Slavens	2/1/2025
HC Redevelopment Commission	Jud Wolfe	12/31/2024
HC Redevelopment Commission	Linda Watson Stansbury	12/31/2024
Hendricks County Park & Recreation	Julie Dougherty	12/31/2027

THE MATTER OF THE 2024 COUNCIL CALENDAR

Auditor Nancy Marsh presented the 2024 Hendricks County Council Calendar with the Benefits Committee meeting dates added. Auditor Marsh stated she and President Wathen are still working out details for the Budget Workshops. Councilman David Wathen suggested the Budget Workshop dates be set as soon as possible to allow the Council to reserve the dates. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by David Wyeth to approve the 2024 Council Calendar as presented reflecting the change of the meeting day to the third Tuesday of the month. Motion carried 6-0.

January 2, 2024
February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 21, 2024
June 18, 2024
July 16, 2024
August 20, 2024
September 17, 2024
October 15, 2024
November 19, 2024
December 17, 2024
January 21, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by David Cox to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2023 TO 2024 ENCUMBRANCE REQUESTS

Auditor Nancy Marsh presented a list of encumbrance revisions made after the December 15, 2023 deadline. Auditor Marsh stated that it simplifies the GAAP Financial Statements to pay as many invoices as possible in the year they are made and therefore the encumbrance requests have been reduced from \$39,088,374.80 on December 15, 2023 to \$38,118,244.94. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the changes and the reduction to the total encumbered. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she had missed Local Health Maintenance and Local Health Department Trust Additional Appropriation requests, and they will be on the February agenda. Auditor Marsh stated there are two payroll appropriations in Local Health Maintenance and the employees will receive their pay as scheduled.

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to approve Emergency Appropriations numbers 1 through 6 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

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 resolved 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	Probation Pretrial Grant 9122	9122.15125.000.0151	Pretrial Assessor	\$73,000.00	\$73,000.00
2	Probation Pretrial Grant 9122	9122.15126.000.0151	Pretrial Assessor	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00
3	Probation Pretrial Grant 9122	9122.13590.000.0151	FICA & Medicare	\$13,483.00	\$13,483.00
4	Probation Pretrial Grant 9122	9122.13591.000.0151	PERF	\$4,026.00	\$4,026.00
5	Probation Pretrial Grant 9122	9122.13592.000.0151	Group Insurance	\$26,991.00	\$26,991.00
6	Probation Pretrial Grant 9122	9122.13593.000.0151	Worker's Compensation	\$200.00	\$200.00

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

AYE

/s/ Caleb Brown
/s/ David Cox
/s/ Larry R. Hesson
/s/ Larry R. Scott
/s/ Eric Wathen
/s/ David Wyeth

NAY

ATTEST: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh

IN THE MATTER OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the Reallocation of Funds numbers 1 and 2 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

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.	Sheriff	1001.10567.000.0105	1001.10508.000.0105	\$2,912.20	Y
2.	Sheriff	1001.10596.000.0105	1001.10509.000.0105	\$11,628.00	Y

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

AYE

/s/ Caleb Brown
/s/ David Cox
/s/ Larry R. Hesson
/s/ Larry R. Scott
/s/ Eric Wathen
/s/ David Wyeth

NAY

ATTEST: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATUS OF FUNDS

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she did not have the information to complete the January 2024 Status of Funds but had received the 1782 Notice for Budget Year 2024 at 7:01 a.m. this morning. Auditor Marsh reported that the preliminary review of the 1782 looks positive but she will examine it for any errors and will submit the signed 1782. Auditor Marsh distributed a worksheet reflecting the Hendricks County Tax Rate Fund Comparison 2017 through 2023 and reported our operating balances and fund balances are growing and remain strong.

COUNTY COMMENTS

Engineer John Ayers stated the Council and Commissioners' legal counsel are working through some remaining issues with the two interlocal agreements between Hendricks County and the Town of Avon and Hendricks County and the City of Indianapolis. Mr. Ayers expected the resolutions to be heard at the February 20 meeting.

Councilman David Wyeth asked for the record to reflect that he is not in favor of the wind farms being located in Hendricks County and does not support the energy company's tactics and the pressure they have put on families. Mr. Wyeth stated he is not against Wind or Solar projects, but they have their place and Hendricks County is not the place to locate them.

Council President Eric Wathen asked for the record to reflect that the Hendricks County Council has no role in approving or denying these projects. Mr. Wathen stated the Council's only role, as the fiscal body of the county, is to approve or deny financial incentives should a project be approved.

The Senior Services 2023 Audit Result Summary was distributed to the Council for their review.

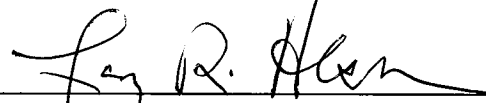
The Council welcomed Paula Alkire to her first meeting as Financial Administrator.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by David Wyeth and seconded by Caleb Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.


HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL


Caleb Brown


David Cox


Larry R. Hesson


Larry R. Scott


Eric Wathen

(absent 1/2/23)
Brad Whicker


David Wyeth

ATTEST:


Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor