

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday May 21, 2024 with the following in attendance: Councilmen Caleb Brown, David Cox, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, Auditor Nancy Marsh, Financial Administrator Paula Alkire and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilman Brad Whicker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APRIL 16 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1 (LH).

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT TAX INCREMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2008**

Hendricks County Bond Attorney, Adam Steuerwald, with Barnes & Thornburg, presented Resolution 2024-18 for the Council's review and approval. Mr. Steuerwald gave a brief history of how the Westpoint TIF district evolved over the years. Mr. Steuerwald stated this resolution extends and reschedules the bond payments to match the TIF District timeline. Hendricks County Financial Consultant stated that Commissioner Dennis Dawes and Council President Eric Wathen, along with bond counsel and financial consultant, have been active participants in the negotiations with the Westpoint Business Park development.

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Hesson to adopt and execute Resolution 2024-18, a *Resolution of the Hendricks County Council Approving the Amendments to the Redevelopment District Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2008*. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF INNKEEPER'S TAX 50% OF 3% DISTRIBUTION UNDER IC 6-9-37-4

Auditor Nancy Marsh distributed a 7-year history reflecting the total distributions of the 1.5% portion of the Hendricks County Innkeeper's Tax in the amount of \$3,946,221.34 distributed equally to the Hendricks County 4-H & Ag Fair Association and Hendricks County Park & Recreation. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Wyeth to commit the 50/50 split to the Hendricks County 4-H & Ag Fair Association and Hendricks County Park and Recreation. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF 50% OF THE
COUNTY PORTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISTRIBUTION
TO CERTAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Auditor Nancy Marsh distributed three potential distribution calculations for 50% of the County portion the Public Safety Distributions. After discussion of the three methods, it was the consensus of the Council to recommend the method of increasing the distribution by the percentage of the growth in Public Safety LIT from 2023 to 2024. It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by David Cox to approve Resolution 2024-19 reflecting the percentage of growth in the Public Safety. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council executed Resolution will be forwarded to the County Commissioners for the approval and execution.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GRADE RECOMMENDATION
AND APPROVAL A HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE MANAGER POSITION**

Human Resources Administrator Erin Hughes presented a summary of the benchmarking for the Health Department Office Manager and stated the grade for the position is 28 which is the same as other departments' office manager positions. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the job description and grade as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

President Eric Wathen opened the Public Hearing for Emergency Additional Appropriations. Hearing no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

Community Corrections Director Bridgette Collins-George explained the difference between how she determines to use the 20100 Supplies account budget and the 20200 Operating Supplies account budget and her needs as the building ages. Councilman Larry Hesson stated that building improvements should be under the Commissioner's budget. Ms. Collins-George stated the items were frequently emergency purchases she would pay for the expense from her operating supply budget. Councilman David Cox stated he would like to see a little more explanation for the operating supplies purchased, especially large purchases. Auditor Marsh stated that the Community Corrections had received a grant from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) in the amount of \$100,000 for a 5 year period to supplement their budget shortfalls in the grant and the project income. Auditor Marsh explained the two different purposes of the account lines and the complexity of the state grant budget and the project income shortfall. It was moved by Caleb Brown and seconded by David Cox to approve Emergency Appropriation Resolution items one through nine as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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	Sheriff	1001.10500.000.0105	Personal Services	\$5,054.00	\$5,054.00
2	Public Defender	1001.16600.000.0166	Personal Services	\$5,345.00	\$5,345.00
3.	Cumulative Bridge	1135.44285.000.0143	BR-237	\$600,000	\$600,000.00
4.	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2202.31700.000.0160	Service Contracts	\$1,634.00	\$1,634.00
5.	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2202.39900.000.0160	Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
6.	Auditor	8950.40005.000.0102	HCCC Switch	\$1,799,000.00	\$1,799,000.00

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

AYE

NAY

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

ATTEST: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor

IN THE MATTER OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the Reallocation of Funds number 1 as presented. Motion carried 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.	Park & Recreation	1001.15600.000.0156	1001.15606.000.0156	\$273.00	Y

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

AYE

NAY

/s/ Caleb Brown
/s/ David Cox

/s/ Larry R. Hesson
/s/ Larry R. Scott
/s/ Eric Wathen
/s/ Brad Whicker
/s/ David Wyeth

ATTEST: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATUS OF FUNDS

President Wathen acknowledged the Status of Funds Report had been distributed to Council members.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2025 WAGE COLA AND PERFORMANCE PERCENTAGES

President Eric Wathen stated he and Auditor Marsh have been discussing a plan to best move forward with applying a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and how to award a Performance Percentage component to the wages if awarded. President Wathen and Auditor Marsh explained they had used the 3.2% COLA figure and a 1.3% Performance figure for preliminary calculations for a total expense to the budgets of 4.5%. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Brad Whicker to apply a 3.2% COLA, based on the Midwest Region Consumer Price Index as of December 31, 2023 to all employees except the Probation Officers who agreed, by MOU, to using the State Judicial Center COLA of 3% and a 1.3% Performance Pool for each department head or elected official to distribute with the following excluding the following:

- Elected Officials, Elected Officials' Chief Deputies & Department Heads
- Sheriff (State Judicial Conference Scale $3\% + .02 = 3.2\%$ (1.032))
- Sheriff's Merit Deputy Matrix
- Jail, Transporters, Court House & Government Center Security Matrix
- Probation Officer Matrix
- Chief Public Defender (State Judicial Conference Scale of $3\% + .02 = 3.2\%$ (1.032))

Motion Carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Council acknowledged the invitation to the Brownsburg Redevelopment Commission Annual TIF Presentation.

The Council acknowledged the receipt of the 2024 Supplemental LIT report.

Commissioner Dennis Dawes announced that Jack Swalley has been selected as the new Facilities Manager and will begin on June 3, 2024. Commissioner Dawes stated he has many years of service and responsibilities in similar positions and was highly recommended.

The Council acknowledged the receipt of the 2024 Circuit Breaker Report. Auditor Marsh stated there were some notice requirements for the Circuit Breaker Report which will be heard at a later meeting.

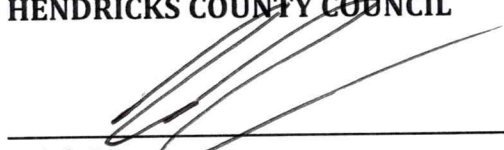
Councilman Larry Hesson invited the Council to attend the Indiana State Board of Accounts State Called Council Meeting on June 22, 2024 at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel Indiana. Mr. Hesson stated there will be an AIC class on Friday afternoon June 21, 2025 and a Council Reception at the Renaissance Hotel Friday evening. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she will register the Council members who will be attending which include Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, David Cox, and David Wyeth.

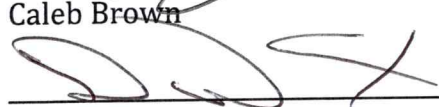
Councilman Cox provided an update on Youth Assistance Program (YAP) and the Client Satisfaction Summary 2023 of the Hendricks County Senior Center.

Councilman Cox provided a memo highlighting the differences in the salaries of the elected officials for the Council's review.

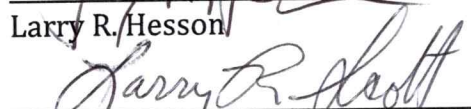
There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by David Cox, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL


Caleb Brown

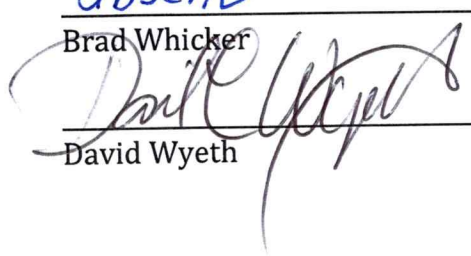

David Cox


Larry R. Hesson

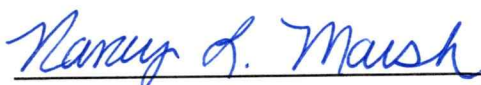

Larry R. Scott


Eric Wathen

absent
Brad Whicker


David Wyeth

ATTEST:


Nancy L. Marsh