

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday September 17, 2024 with the following in attendance: Councilmen David Cox, Larry Hesson, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, Auditor Nancy Marsh, Financial Administrator Paula Alkire and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilmen Caleb Brown and Larry Scott were not in attendance. Councilman David Cox led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AUGUST 6, 7, 8, 2024  
COUNCIL 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Wyeth to approve the minutes of the August 6, 7, and 8, 2024 Budget Workshop Minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES**

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Wyeth to approve the September 17, 2024 Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING  
THE AVON-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

Council President opened the *Public Hearing* for the *Resolution of the Hendricks County Council Approving the Avon-Washington Township Public Library Issuance of Bonds*. With no public comment being presented, President Wathen closed the *Public Hearing*.

Avon-Washington Township Public Library Director, Laurel Setser, was present for any questions. There was uncertainty on whether or not a separate Resolution was required for the additional appropriation portion of the Resolution presented and Ms. Setser said a delay would not be detrimental to the process. After review by legal Counsel Cook, it was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Wyeth to table the adoption until the November 19 Council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL  
OF THE FINAL CF-1 COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS**

It was the consensus of the Council to table the review and approval until the November 19, 2024 Council meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT 2025 BUDGET**

The 2025 Hendricks County Recycling District Budget was presented for adoption following the September 17, 2024 Public Hearing. Hendricks County Recycling District Executive Director, Lenn Detwiler was present. Having heard no public objection or comment at the September 17, 2024 Public Hearing, it was moved by David Cox and seconded by Brad Whicker to adopt the Hendricks County Recycling District 2025 Budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY 2025 BUDGET**

The 2025 Hendricks County Budget was presented for adoption following the September 17, 2024 Public Hearing. Councilman David Cox presented the list of the department head recommended wages which were included in the 2025 Budget Public Hearing. Mr. Cox stated that the actual wage numbers were never voted on even though they were included in the 2025 Budget Public Hearing held on September 17, 2024. Having heard no public objection or comment at the September 17, 2024 Public Hearing and approving the recommended department head increases as requested and presented at the Public Hearing, it was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Hesson to adopt the Hendricks County 2025 Budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FISCAL BODY GENERAL PUBLIC  
APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Upon recommendation of the Hendricks County Board of Health, it was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox, Mr. David Hardin was reappointed to the Hendricks County Health Board for a term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. Motion carried 5-0. County Health Officer, Dr. David Stopperich, thanked the Council for their appointment of Mr. Hardin.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF MAKING A  
LUMP SUM PAYMENT FROM SURPLUS FUNDS TO BUY DOWN THE  
SHERIFF'S MERIT DEPUTY UNFUNDED LIABILITY IN THE PENSION FUND**

Council President Eric Wathen stated that due to our strong financial condition, he was requesting the Council authorize an analysis of the financial impact of paying down the unfunded pension liability in the Sheriff's Pension. It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the analysis and Auditor Nancy Marsh will reach out to Hendricks County Consulting Actuary with McCready & Keene, Inc. to begin the process.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING THE  
HRH DANVILLE LOCATION HOURS AND CORRESPONDING FEE**

Human Resources Administrator Erin Hughes presented a request for a vote to ratify the discussion at the quarterly Benefits Meeting to increase the HRH Danville location by five (5) hours per week, with the additional monthly fee of \$1,246.75, to better serve the

Hendricks County employees. It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by David Cox to approve the increase in hours and corresponding monthly fee as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL POSITION  
IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FUNDED FROM THE AUDITOR'S PLAN BOOK FUND**

Human Resources Administrator Erin Hughes presented a request for the Auditor's Office to add a new full time position to the Auditor's Office. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated that she currently has the funding in place for the remainder of 2024 and budgeted in 2025 for two (2) part time positions and is requesting that to be changed to one (1) full time and one (1) part time position in the Auditor's Plat Book Fund. Auditor Marsh stated that the new full time position will be filled by a current county employee so there is no increase in the benefits, and she is not asking for an increased grade for the new position. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the position as requested. Motion carried 5-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

The public hearing was opened for the Emergency Appropriation Resolution of October 15, 2024. Hearing no public comment, the public hearing was closed by President Eric Wathen.

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve emergency additional appropriations numbers 1 through 6 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL 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.	Court Administration	1001.30701.00000.0160	Psych Evaluation	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
2.	Court Administration	1001.30707.00000.0160	Guardian ad Litem	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
3.	Court Administration	2508.39400.00162.0160	Problem Solving Court Fees	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
4.	Auditor	1237.30008.00000.0102	Opioid Restricted Grants	\$16,085.77	\$16,085.77
5.	Westpoint Reissue 2024	4402.30200.00000.0102	Attorney Fees	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
6.	Home Detention Fees	4922.31900.00000.0151	Contract Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

**AYE**

**NAY**

/s/ David Cox  
/s/ Larry R. Hesson  
/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 David Cox and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve the Reallocation of Funds number 1 – 8 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**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.

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/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. Mr. Wathen stated that having a monthly status of funds was an important factor in our ratings call with Standard & Poor's.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilman David Cox reported on the successful expansion of the Youth Assistance Program to include Avon Academy and Avon High School students who qualify for the voluntary program who are dealing with extremely difficult circumstances and distributed an article from the October 10, 2024 issue of The Republican.

Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook stated the DLGF had acknowledged receipt of all of the necessary documentation for the requested shift of five (5) basis points from the Correctional Facility LIT to the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) with no increase in the rate.

Council President Eric Wathen stated he had reviewed the PBM (Pharmacy Benefit Manager) rebates being returned to Hendricks County and offered the suggestion that the rebates be credited directly to the employees to reduce their co-pay. It was the consensus of the council that it makes sense to make that change to give the employees the benefit of the rebates. Mr. Wathen requested this subject be put on the Benefits Committee Meeting agenda for action in 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Wyeth, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Motion carried 5-0.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL**

absent 10/15/24

Caleb Brown

David Cox

Larry R. Hesson

absent 10/15/24

Larry R. Scott

Eric Wathen

Brad Whicker

David Wyeth

ATTEST:

Nancy L. Marsh  
Nancy L. Marsh, Hendricks County Auditor