

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday November 19, 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 OCTOBER 15, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve the October 15, 2024 Council Minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0-2 (CB/LS).

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.

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve Resolution 2024-48 a *Resolution of the Hendricks County Council Approving the Avon-Washington Township Public Library Issuance of Bonds* as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Brian Bilger, Executive Director of Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership, addressed the companies filing late CF-1 compliance statements and thanked Joe Jasin, HCEDP Project Manager, for his due diligence achieving 100% compliance.

The Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership recommended the following businesses be approved as they are in full compliance.

1. AAMDS After Action Medical (Res 2022-38)
 - a. Incentive: 5 year real
 - b. Hired 7 of the 8 planned new employees stated on SB-1. Estimated investment has risen from \$1.5 million to \$2.3 million
 - c. Recommendation: Full Compliance

2. Whicker Plus (Res 2021-30)
 - a. Incentive: 7 year real
 - b. 18 new employees hired over the 15 planned additions. Costs of project improvement down to \$1.3 million compared to \$2.65 million estimate
 - c. Recommendation: Full Compliance
3. Hendricks Gateway Park III: MCC Properties #100 (Res 2019-18)
 - a. Incentive: 10 year Real
 - b. Investment at \$25,731,900 over-estimated \$17.5 million.
 - c. Recommendation: Full Compliance
4. Johnson and Johnson
 - a. Incentive: 10 year Real
 - b. Net value of investment now evaluated at \$87,722,200 over the estimated \$41,828,700 on the SB-1. Employment is up to 798 employees from the initial 672
 - c. Recommendation: Full Compliance
5. TT Quality Leasing (Res 2015-08)
 - a. Incentive: 10 year real
 - b. Last Year's info: In compliance
 - c. Recommendation: Full Compliance

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the CF-1 Compliance Statements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**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 the Auditor had reached out to and received an Analysis from Benjamin Langhammer, Director and Consulting Actuary, McCreedy & Keene, Inc. In the analysis the Actuary recommended that in conjunction with the additional contributions and the future annual county contributions budgeted, to use a shorter amortization period recommending the 2025 Accelerated 15 year contribution of \$1,655,402.

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she had advertised \$1,500,000.00 giving the Council the flexibility to increase the contribution up to \$1,500,000.00. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to make a contribution, in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, to the Sheriff's Merit Deputy Unfunded Liability in the Pension Fund and use the 2025 Accelerated (15-year) contribution going forward. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated that she had added additional #16, which had been advertised, but she misunderstood the Court Administrations instructions and had removed it from the resolution. Court Administrator Catherine Haines stated that she had reviewed her numbers and is reducing her request to \$20,000 to finish out the year.

Auditor Nancy Marsh pointed out that #8 and #9 were following the payoff plan of the existing 2016 General Obligation Bond and the 2021 General Obligation Bond and that she needed to wait until the fall settlement receipts were known to know the exact amount.

Ms. Marsh stated that #13 and #14 are the same request from two different funds. County Engineer John Ayers discussed the four (4) future roundabouts in the area of the I-70 and SR 39, which project expenses will be shared. Mr. Ayers stated the projected cost for each roundabout is four million dollars and it was agreed that the county probably should take on the responsibility of the design in order to get the project moving forward and off dead center.

It was moved by Caleb Brown and seconded by Larry Scott to approve numbers 1 through 16 with the **exception** of denying #14 and reducing #6 to \$20,000 approve emergency additional appropriations as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

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.	Coroner	1001.20100.000.0107	Office Supplies	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
2.	Coroner	1001.31900.000.0107	Contract Services	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
3.	Prosecutor	1001.10802.000.0108	Deputy Prosecutor Stop Grant	\$14,275.24	\$14,275.24
4.	Prosecutor	8102.10802.000.0108	Deputy Prosecutor Stop Grant	\$57,830.95	\$57,830.95
5.	Prosecutor Child Support	8099.44600.000.0108	Equipment	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
6.	Work Release Project Income	1122.20200.000.0154	Operating Supplies	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
7.	70 West (2021 Expansion)	4411.30201.000.0102	Professional Services	\$7,250.00	\$7,250.00
8.	Council/Auditor	1233.34200.000.0102	Payoff 2016 GOB 4607	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00

9.	Council/Auditor	1157.34200.000.0102	Payoff 2021 GOB 4612	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
10.	Food & Beverage	1157.10552.000.0102	Buy Down Unfunded Pension	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
11.	American Rescue Plan	8950.30005.000.0133	ARPA Oscar Higgins Drain	\$61,500.00	\$61,500.00
12.	American Rescue Plan	8950.30005.000.0102	Competitive NFP	\$304,485.49	\$304,485.49
13.	Engineer – EDIT	1112.45625.000.0143	70/39 Roundabouts (3)	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
14.	Engineer – Co Wheel & Excise	4608.45625.000.0143	70/39 Roundabouts (3)	\$1,000,000.00	Denied
15.	Westpoint Raindrop TIF	4402.42006.000.0102	Liberty Township Fire Equip	\$408,000.00	\$408,000.00
16.	Court Administration	1001.30705.000.0102	Juror Per Diem	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00

Dated this 19th day of November, 2024.

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/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

Auditor Nancy Marsh reported there had been a last minute transfer (#12) from the Clerk, Marjorie Pike, due to the tremendous turnout at the 2024 General Election and associated expenses. It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by David Cox to approve the Reallocation of Funds number 1 – 12 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.	Assessor	1001.10904.000.0109	1001.11100.00129.0109	\$673.05	Y
2.	Assessor	1001.10904.000.0109	1001.11400.00118.0109	\$269.22	Y
3.	Reassessment	1224.18904.129.0109	1224.18911.00118.0109	\$269.22	Y
4.	Reassessment	1224.18904.000.0109	1224.18901.000.0109	\$2,230.78	Y
5.	Reassessment	1224.18909.000.0109	1224.18901.000.0109	\$1,634.25	Y
6.	Reassessment	1224.18997.000.0109	1224.18901.000.0109	\$1092.21	Y
7.	Park Innkeepers	4806.13590.000.0156	4806.13592.000.0156	\$323.94	Y
8.	Park Innkeepers	4806.13591.000.0156	4806.13592.000.0156	\$3,374.09	Y

9.	Park Innkeepers	4806.13593.000.0156	4806.13592.000.0156	\$24.00	Y
10.	Park Innkeepers	4806.13594.000.0156	4806.13592.000.0156	79.19	Y
11.	Highway MVH	1176.18503.001.0201	1176.18537.002.0201	\$2,000.00	Y
12.	Clerk/Election	1001.34500.000.0146	1001.14601.000.0146	\$26,000.00	Y

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OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Eric Wathen stated he had received the 2025 contract from legal counsel Rhonda Cook. Ms. Cook stated that there were code changes requiring every contract to be signed by the Commissioners. President Wathen asked Ms. Cook to forward her contract to each Council member.


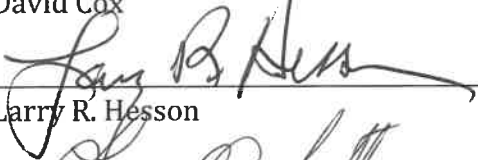

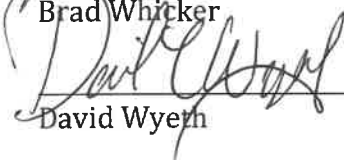
Commissioner Dennis Dawes reported that the Commissioners had approved and requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Dawes stated the emergency radios, county wide, need an updated software by January 1, 2025, to extend the useful life of the radios. Mr. Dawes stated he had talked with Council President Eric Wathen who expressed consensus with the request. Auditor Marsh stated the additional will be advertised for the December 19, 2024. Mr. Dawes stated there is a very short time period to accomplish all steps before January 1, 2025 and appreciated the cooperation with the Council.

Council President Eric Wathen expressed concern about Hendricks County Government Center being an early voting site in the future. Mr. Wathen also stated that Hendricks County voters should not be expected to wait in line for hours. Mr. Wathen expressed a willingness to provide more voting machines to move people through the process quicker. Don Hodson, Hendricks County Election Board Member, stated they are aware of the issue and there is serious discussion about potential remedies. Mr. Hodson stated staffing and obtaining appropriate voting locations are more of an issue than number of machines. Mr. Hodson stated there is not an election in 2025 and the next Presidential election is in 4 years so there is time to thoroughly review the issues and get them corrected before the next Presidential election.

Councilman David Cox recognized Nicole Lawson as being the Assessor of the Year at the Assessor's Association and the Association of Indiana Counties Annual Conference.

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 9:33 a.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

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