

HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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

IN THE MATTER OF JANUARY 21, 2025, COUNCIL MINUTES

It was asked by David Cox if we could amend the name of Larry Cox to Larry Hesson on one of the paragraphs. It was asked by Larry Scott that the verbiage be changed under the Council Calendar paragraph. Auditor Ann Stark agreed to the changes. It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by David Cox to approve the amended January 21, 2025, Council Minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY MATCH FOR SYCAMORE SERVICES

Nancy Marsh explained that the grant for Sycamore Services did not always include a county match in the past. More recently the county was moved into an urban classification subsequently resulting in the need for a county match. Eric Wathen moved to pay for it from the Food and Beverage fund, but Larry Hesson pointed out that that fund should be an emergency fund and not used for recurring payment purposes. Eric Wathen withdrew his motion and moved to pay for it from the county general fund. Nancy Marsh seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Ann Stark mentioned the amount for item #7 in the appropriations list was not accurate and the remaining will be voted on next month. The public hearing was opened for the Emergency Appropriation Resolution of February 18, 2025. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Larry Hesson wanted confirmation that item #1 was already a full-time position, in which Coroner Daniel Chubb responded that it was a full-time position. Nancy Marsh explained that the ARP funds were paying for the facilities requests to fix the Government Center roof and Courthouse boiler room piping and they were to be paid from the ARP fund and the ARP Interest fund.

David Cox motioned, and Eric Wathen seconded to approve the 7 additional appropriations. 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.	Coroner	1001.10703.000.0107	Professional Services	\$9,409.20	\$9,409.20
2.	Coroner	1001.36600.000.0107	Contract Services	\$10,914.00	\$10,914.00
3.	Court Admin	4021.30201.000.0162	Professional Services	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
4.	Facilities	4950.40005.000.0136	Professional Services	\$413,487.00	\$413,487.00
5.	Facilities	8950.40005.000.0136	Professional Services	\$1,536,514.00	\$1,536,514.00
6.	Council	8950.30005.000.0149	Contract Services	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
7.	Council	8950.40005.000.0149	Professional Services	\$1,700,000.00	\$1,700,000.00

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NAY

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

ATTEST: /s/ Ann Stark, Auditor

IN THE MATTER OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

David Cox asked if the vehicles were approved by the Commissioners and Commissioner Dennis Dawes confirmed they were approved at the February 11th meeting. Nancy Marsh pointed out that money spent on vehicles had to be spent from a 4000 series for GAAP reasons. Eric Wathen motioned, and Chuck Parsons seconded to approve the Reallocation of Funds numbers 1 & 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.	Prosecutor	1234.38300.000.0108	1234.44550.000.0108	\$30,000	
2.	Prosecutor	8144.38300.000.0108	8144.44550.000.0108	\$29,000	

Approved this 18th day of February, 2025

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NAY

/s/ Nancy Marsh

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

ATTEST: /s/ Ann Stark, Auditor

OTHER BUSINESS

Nancy Marsh explained that the Work Release budget needs to be matched with county funds. Eric Wathen asked if the Public Safety money could be used for it. Paula Alkire and Ann Stark agreed to look at how much money was available to spend since some of it was going to the Sheriff's office for meals and medical needs. Counsel Ronda Cook confirmed it could qualify as an item to be paid for by the Public Safety fund.

David Cox pointed out that the second and third shifts in Work Release do not have supervisors and would like that examined. He expressed his concern for them not to have one. Commissioner Dennis Dawes confirmed the Commissioners would look into it.

Larry Hesson made a comment that the modular unit is almost finished for Work Release and would be available to look at once complete.

Regarding the Status of Funds, Nancy Marsh commented that she believed Food and Beverage would go down due to the increased prices of dining out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

David Cox commented on how impressive the YAP program is and that they are doing great work to help children.

Nancy Marsh commented on attending the Solid Waste meeting with Chuck Parsons.

Eric Wathen attended the legislature breakfast and was concerned that the blame is being placed on local government for following the State regulations. Larry Hesson expressed his concerns on what will happen to other counties if Senate Bill 1 and other Business Personal Property bills are passed.

Auditor Ann Stark commented that new desks are in the process of being set up in the Auditor's office.

Ronda Cook gave a summary of some of the legislature that was presented stating February 20th will be the last day for readings before the bills switch houses.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by President Larry Scott at 9:43 a.m., Tuesday, February 18th, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL



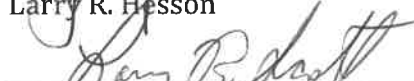
Nancy Marsh



David Cox



Larry R. Hesson



Larry R. Scott



Eric Wathen



Charles Parsons

David Wyeth

ATTEST:



Ann Stark, Hendricks County Auditor