HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Larry Scott on Tuesday June 17th, 2025, with the following in attendance: Councilmen David Cox, Nancy Marsh, David Wyeth, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Charles Parsons, Auditor Ann Stark, Financial Administrator Paula Alkire and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Nancy Marsh led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE MAY 20TH, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Nancy Marsh wanted verification on the food and beverage fact on page 2, first paragraph. After reviewing, Ann removed the sentence as it was not verified. Marsh motioned to approve the minutes subject to confirmation. Eric Wathen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

IN THE MATTER OF HENDRICKS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER PAY

Jared McKee, Executive Director of Public Safety for the Town of Plainfield, presented a plea to increase wages for dispatchers. Due to the stress of the job, they are having a hard time keeping employees, and those that remain are burnt out from being overworked. The suggestion included a \$2.00 per hour pay increase across the board. This would help with retention and recruitment. Eric Wathen confirmed the Communications board was willing to accept it. Jared McKee confirmed they have money in reserves for the remainder of 2025 and will budget for it in 2026. Eric Wathen motioned to increase the dispatcher pay to \$28.00 an hour starting the first pay of July. David Cox seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BI-LINGUAL PAY INCREASE FOR WORK RELEASE EMPLOYEE

Bridgette Collins, Hendricks County Community Corrections Director, asked for a \$1 an hour raise for her bi-lingual employee, Guadalupe Perez. Diverse languages are increasing in Hendricks County and the need for bi-lingual employees in the facility has become a necessity. President Larry Scott advised that Human Resources investigate incorporating the pay increase for bi-lingual employees into county policy. David Wyeth requested that Bridgette and the public safety leaders come together and collaborate on such a policy. Bridgette agreed to do so. David Cox motioned approving the dollar an hour pay increase for bi-lingual employees starting the first pay period of July. David Wyeth seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The public hearing was opened for the Emergency Appropriation Resolution of June 17, 2025. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed. John Ayers referenced that items one (1) and two (2) were due to an error in May's request for additional. Nancy Marsh moved to accept items one-five (1-5), and David Cox seconded. Motion passed 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.	Engineering	1135.45367.000.0143	ROW Costs	\$850,000	\$850,000
2.	Engineering	1138.45367.0000143	Cume Cap	(\$850,000)	(\$850,000)
2.	Health	1168.XXXXX.000.0214	Local Health Maintenance	\$174,214.70	\$175,214.70
3.	Health	1206.20200.000.0214	Local Health Dept Trust	\$6,979.95	\$6,979.95
4.	Auditor	1233.34200.000.0102	Correctional Facility	\$500.00	\$500.00
5.	Court Admin	2507.30705.000.0160	Jury Fees	\$30,000	\$30,000

Approved this 17th day of June, 2025.

AYE NAY

/s/ Nancy Marsh

/s/ David Cox

/s/ David Wyeth

/s/ Larry R. Scott

/s/ Eric Wathen

/s/ Charles Parsons

ATTEST: /s/ Ann Stark, Auditor

IN THE MATTER OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Nancy Marsh motioned to approve items one-two (1-2) for reallocation. Eric Wathen seconded. Motion passed 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	то	AMOUNT	Y/N
1.	Assessor	1001.10904.118.0109	1001.11100.129.0109	\$1,500.00	Y
2.	Emergency Planning	1152.34406.000.0142	1152.20211.000.0142	\$800.00	Y

Approved this 17th day of June, 2025

<u>AYE</u> <u>NAY</u>

/s/ Nancy Marsh

/s/ David Wyeth

/s/ David Cox

/s/ Larry R. Scott

/s/ Eric Wathen

/s/ Charles Parsons

ATTEST: /s/ Ann Stark, Auditor

OTHER BUSINESS

The status of funds was acknowledged.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Auditor Ann Stark acknowledged settlement for spring distribution will go out on the 20th of June. She also reminded everyone that budgets are due June 27th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Nancy Marsh reminded everyone that the State-called council meeting is June 21st. David Wyeth reminded everyone that the Hendricks County fair starts next month. Eric Wathen gave an overview of his estimations regarding SEA 1.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by President Larry Scott at 9:34 a.m., Tuesday, June 17th, 2025.

Signature Page to Follow

HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL

Nancy Marsh

David Cox

Larry R. Hesson

Larry R. Scott

Enc Wathen

Charles Parsons

David Wyeth

ATTEST:

Ann Stark, Hendricks County Auditor