

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday April 16, 2024 with the following in attendance: Councilmen Caleb Brown, David Cox, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, Deputy Auditor Cinda Kattau, Financial Administrator Paula Alkire and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilman Larry Hesson and Auditor Nancy Marsh were not in attendance. Councilman David Cox led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peggy McRoy introduced herself and stated, going forward, she would be reporting for the local publication Hendricks County Community CONNECT. Her intention is to inform the taxpayers of the good things the County Council is doing.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR REAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT  
FROM SCP MONROVIA, LLC, AND CONFIRMING RESOLUTION 2024-13**

Joe Jasin, Project Manager, of the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership presented *Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining That the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization have been met and Confirming Resolution 2024-11 of March 19, 2024.*

Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook stated the legal notice to the underlying units went out the day before. President Wathen opened the public hearing. With no comments, the hearing was closed. It was moved by Caleb Brown and seconded by David Cox to approve the *Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining That the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization have been met and Confirming Resolution 2024-11 of March 19, 2024.* Motion carried 6-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTY FRED FISLAR**

President Wathen announced the tragic, in the line of duty, death of Hendricks County Merit Deputy Fred Fislar and requested a moment of silence.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

Hendricks County Engineer, John Ayers, presented an *Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between The Town of Mooresville, Indiana and Hendricks County, Indiana.* Mr. Ayers stated the agreement had been signed by the Hendricks County Commissioners on April 9<sup>th</sup> and was ready to be signed by the Hendricks County Council. It was moved by David Cox and

seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as recommended by the County Commissioners. Motion carried 6-0.

**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. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve Emergency Appropriation Resolution items one through six as presented. 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	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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

**AYE**

**NAY**

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

ATTEST: /s/ Cinda Kattau, Chief Deputy Auditor

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by David Cox to approve the Reallocation of Funds number 1 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.	Drug Free Community	1148.16401.000.0164	1148.16404.000.0164	\$2,000.00	Y

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

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**NAY**

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

ATTEST: /s/ Cinda Kattau, Chief Deputy Auditor

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STATUS OF FUNDS**

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

Hendricks County Commissioner Dennis Dawes provided an update on the Highway Garage Project. The project is moving ahead and will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

County Engineer John Ayres expounded upon the Highway Garage Project explaining the modifications to the design.

Mr. Ayers commented on the status of Bridge 290 Dan Jones over CSX. He will be requesting an additional appropriation for the May Council meeting, mainly from the Major Bridge Fund. The project should begin late May. The engineer's estimate came in at about \$16.5 million.

Engineer Ayres also informed the County Council that the Community Crossings Grant came through at one and a half million dollars (1,500,000) to be used for road repairs. With a County Match of \$1.5 million, added to the \$6.3 million dollars previously appropriated in the Motor Vehicle Highway, Wheel Tax, and Food & Beverage Tax, the entire amount would be \$9.3 million dollars. President Wathen requested that the Auditor add the topic to the May County Council Agenda and to advertise an additional appropriation of \$1.5 million from Food & Beverage.

Highway Supervisor Curt Higginbotham discussed the road resurfacing answering; questions about the cost per mile.

Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook informed the County Council that she would like to come up with a checklist for the abatement approvals for Hendricks County going through Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership.

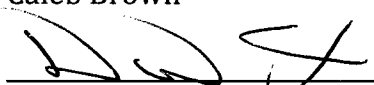
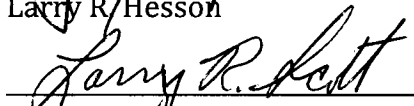
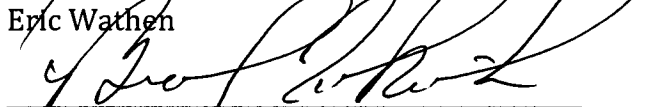
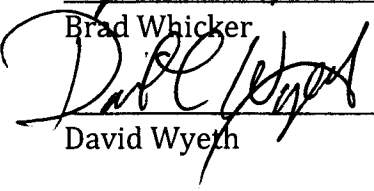
Councilman David Wyeth brought up the ongoing celebration of the County's Bicentennial. Larry Scott urged all to go to the Bicentennial website, [Hendricks200.com](http://Hendricks200.com), for upcoming events. Mr. Scott said a book is to be published this summer containing a chapter for each township.

Councilman Cox provided an update on Youth Assistance Program (YAP). Avon Community Schools is close to coming on. Northwest Hendricks Community Schools has joined the efforts.

Councilman Cox distributed an email from First Due Company regarding the County highway garage project.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by David Wyeth and seconded by Caleb Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL**

  
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