

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 3, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 with the following in attendance: Councilmen Caleb Brown, David Cox, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, Financial Administrator Tami Mitchell, Auditor Nancy Marsh, and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilman Larry Scott led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APRIL 4, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Caleb Brown and seconded by David Wyeth to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE HENDRICKS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

President Eric Wathen stated he had received the name of Scott Slavens for a potential nominee to the Hendricks County Economic Development Commission and Council Vice President Caleb Brown will contact Mr. Slavens. It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by Caleb Brown to table the nomination until the June 6, 2023 Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTOR/SCHUTT SPORTS RELOCATION INCENTIVE**

Council President, Eric Wathen, stated the mechanism to pay the Council's commitment for the Relocation of Certor Sports d/b/a Schutt Sports has been worked out and Ordinance 2023-13 was presented for review and approval. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve Council Ordinance 2023-13 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF INNKEEPER'S TAX 3% DISTRIBUTION**

Auditor Nancy Marsh distributed a 6 year history reflecting the total distributions of the 1.5% portion of the Hendricks County Innkeeper's Tax in the amount of \$3,178,203.88 distributed equally to the Hendricks County 4-H & Ag Fair Association and Hendricks County Park & Recreation. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Larry Scott to commit the 50/50 split to the Hendricks County 4-H & Ag Fair Association and Hendricks County Park and Recreation. Motion carried 7-0

**IN THE MATTER OF TIF REPORTING UNDER IC 36-7-14-13**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated the Hendricks County Redevelopment Commission had approved the TIF Annual Reports on April 5, 2023 and the following reports were sent to each member of the to Fiscal Body by April 15, 2023, as required by law.

- Heartland Crossing EDA TIF
- Pittsboro EDA TIF
- 70/39 Commerce Park EDA TIF
- 70 West TIF EDA TIF
- 70 West EDA 2021 TIF
- Ronald Reagan North EDA TIF
- Westpoint EDA TIF

There were no questions or concerns. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Larry Hesson to accept, acknowledge, and approve the TIF Annual Reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO PURDUE EXTENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Councilmen Eric Wathen and David Cox agreed to continue their appointments to the Hendricks County Purdue Extension Advisory Council. It was moved by Caleb Brown and seconded by Larry Scott to appoint David Cox and Eric Wathen to serve on the Advisory Council.

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

President Eric Wathen opened and closed the public hearing with no comments heard. Attention was drawn to the Account Description on the Local Road & Bridge Match to correct it to Community Crossings 2022-2. Auditor Nancy Marsh additional numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 were missed during the encumbrance process at the end of 2022 and are being reappropriated. Councilman David Wyeth asked if numbers 19, 20, and 21 are new second requests above what were previously approved and appropriated. Auditor Marsh affirmed they are new requests recommended by the ARPA Planning Committee, approved by the Board of Commissioners, and now presented for appropriation approval. It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by Larry Scott to approve Emergency Additional Appropriation numbers 1 through 21 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **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	Park ARPA	8950.30005.000.0156	Missed Encumbrance	\$990,000.00	\$990,000.00
2	Park General	1001.30201.000.0156	Missed Encumbrance	\$4,381.00	\$4,381.00
3	Park Innkeepers	4806.34407.000.0156	Missed Encumbrance	\$215,102.00	\$215,102.00
4	Park Food & Beverage	1157.41060.000.0156	Missed Encumbrance	\$306,532.00	\$306,532.00
5	Council/Food & Beverage	1157.35000.000.0149	Grant Match	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

6	General/Prosecutor	1001.10862.000.0108	Supervisor Differential	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
7	General/Commissioners	1001.13506.000.0135	President's Supplement	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
8	General/Council	1001.14907.000.0149	President's Supplement	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
9	General/Probation	1001.15114.000.0151	Personal Services	\$14,248.00	\$14,248.00
10	Cumulative Bridge	1135.45566.000.0201	GU-107 Culvert	\$65,325.00	\$65,325.00
11	Cumulative Bridge	1135.45567.000.0201	CE-008 Culvert	\$53,143.04	\$53,143.04
12	Cumulative Bridge	1135.45568.000.0201	BN-016 Culvert	\$24,150.00	\$24,150.00
13	Local Road & Bridge Match	9124.36610.000.0201	Community Crossings 2022-2	\$322005.20	\$322005.20
14	Health	1159.30500.000.0214	Education/Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
15	Reassessment	1224.18903.130.0109	Level III	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
16	Reassessment	1224.18912.129.0109	Level II	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
17	Land & Water Conserv/Parks	8169.30201.000.0156	Professional Services	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00
18	Land & Water Conserv/Parks	8169.36606.000.0156	Construction/Recon/Preserv	\$1,140,540.00	\$1,140,540.00
19	ARPA/4-H Fair	8950.30005.000.0102	Completion HVAC Project	\$44,626.00	\$44,626.00
20	ARPA/Coroner	8950.30005.000.0107	Expansion of Coroner Office	\$269,561.00	\$269,561.00
21	ARPA/Drainage Bd/Surveyor	8950.30005.000.0106	Drainage Projects	\$904,950.00	\$904,950.00

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.

**AYE**

**NAY**

/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

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

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve Reallocation of Funds numbers 1 through 6 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.	Clean Water	1001.20200.000.0161	1001.30510.000.0161	\$1,000.00	Y
2	Grant Covid Child Immu.	8906.18690.000.0214	8906.18633.000.0214	\$3,240.00	Y
3.	Grant 93.069 CRI	8116.31900.000.0214	8116.18619.000.0214	\$735.00	Y

4.	Grant 93.069 CRI	8116.13590.000.0214	8116.13591.000.0214	\$25.00	Y
5.	Reassessment	1224.18903.129.0214	1224.18903.130.0109	\$2,500.00	Y
6.	Recorder's Perpetuation	1189.10408.000.0104	1189.10401.000.0104	\$1,531.00	Y

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.

**AYE**

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

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ATTEST: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh

**IN THE MATTER OF ROAD PAVING PROJECTS**

County Highway Engineer, John Ayers, presented a list of total 2023 paving program miles of 130.16 and a cost of \$8,072,792 and the 2023 surface treatment projected funding. Mr. Ayers stated there is a shortfall of \$920,791. Mr. Ayers asked for the Council's consideration for additional funding in 2023 for a 1.3 million match for the 2022-2 and 2023-1 Community Crossing Grants. It was the consensus of the county Council to advertise the additional funding request from MVH Unrestricted.

Mr. Ayers was asked about the Green bridge being closed again at the Putnam County/Hendricks County line. Mr. Ayers stated additional problems have been identified with the bridge and Putnam County has closed it indefinitely. It is further complicated by being on the Historical Registry.

Mr. Ayers stated the pre-construction meetings with White Construction for the Ronald Reagan Parkway from 56<sup>th</sup> street to 750 North will be held next week and mobilization will begin within the next two weeks.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT**

IT Director Doug Morris gave the Council an update about the fiber located in the old jail. IT Director Doug Morris described the complexity and expense of relocating fiber that is housed in the old jail. Mr. Morris stated the county network must be reconfigured. Director Morris stated that new firewall equipment ranges from \$350,000 to \$650,000 plus ongoing yearly maintenance.

Director Morris stated the alternative to this configuration is SD-WAN, which is Software Defined Wide Area Network. This network extends physical network connections over secure, encrypted tunnels via public internet connections. Director Morris reported they would install redundant internet connections in each major location along with SD-Wan appliances to extend the network. Director Morris stated this would solve our secure backup application requirements because the technology is already encrypted plus it eliminates the need to relocate the fiber on the east campus.

SD-WAN will move our expenses from capital to operation, costing between 12,000 to \$15,000 per month. This figure will absorb much of our current internet costs of \$6,000 to \$8,000 per month, for a net increase of \$6,000 to \$8,000 per month.

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

The Status of Funds was reviewed and noted that the Food and Beverage remains strong.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

Legal Counsel, Rhonda Cook reported the legislative session has ended and she highlighted a few items of interest that passed at the end of session with a reduced commitment for public health included in the budget; new required TIF annual spending plan; Food & Beverage sunseting; (excludes Stadium Food & Beverage); residential TIF; response to the Schiffler lawsuit defining a qualified homestead.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE CORONER'S OFFICE RELOCATION**

Chief Deputy Coroner, Dan Chubbs stated the lease is in the final preparation stage.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDITOR**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated registrations have been made for Council Members Eric Wathen, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, David Cox, and Caleb Brown for the for the Association of Indiana Counties West Central District meeting on May 18, 2023 held at the Inn at DePauw Event Center in Greencastle, Indiana.

#### **OTHER COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman David Cox reported he had nominated Hendricks County, the Town of Plainfield, and Plainfield Schools for the AIC Local Cooperation Aware for their joint effort on the Plainfield Youth Assistance Program.

Stating that Facilities Director Kevin Cavanaugh is temporarily out and has a lot on his plate, Councilman David Cox stated he would like for the Board of Commissioners to consider putting an assistant project manager in place, to assist with the various projects.

Councilman David Cox stated that Avon is seriously investigating the development of a Youth Assistance Plan with the cooperation of Avon High School.

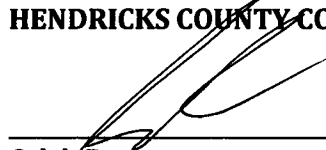
Councilman Larry Hesson stated that the Indiana County Council Association had been working on and supported the probation department costs becoming state funded. Their efforts were not successful this year, but the association will continue to support the transfer of funding to the state.


Councilman Larry Hesson stated the State Board of Accounts State Called Council Meeting is scheduled for June 23 & 24, 2023 on the north side.

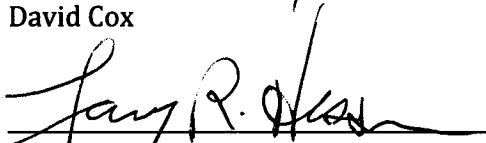
Council President Eric Wathen reported he had participated in the KSM Exit Conference for the County's GAAP Audit. Mr. Wathen stated there were a couple of things concerning the Regional Sewer Board and the conversion from cash to accrual.

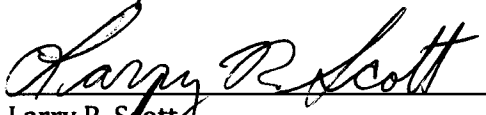
There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 3, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

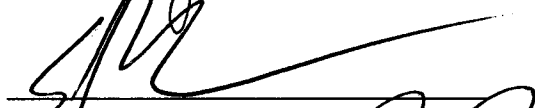
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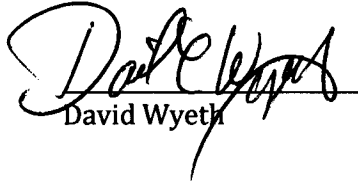
  
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Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor