

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday August 1, 2023 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 Tami Mitchell, and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilman Caleb Brown led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JULY 5, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by David Wyeth and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AVON-WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

Avon-Washington Township Public Library Director, Laurel Setser, presented the Council with an architectural drawing of the project area. Baker Tilly Financial Advisor, Brock Bowsher stated that the bond has been structured with no increases in the payment or the tax rate and there will be no impact to overlapping units. Library Director Setser stated that the units of government in Avon and Washington Townships meet every other month, and she has kept all parties informed throughout the process.

- Proposed General Obligation Bonds of 2023
- Estimated Borrowing Amount: \$1,200,000
- Estimated Repayment Term: 10 Years, 2 Months
- Estimated Interest Expense: \$473,083
- Estimated Debt Service Tax Rate Increase \$0.00

Council President Eric Wathen opened the duly advertised public hearing on the adoption of Resolution 2023-23 *Resolution of the Hendricks County Council Approving The Avon-Washington Township Public Library Issuance of Bonds*. Hearing no public comment from the assembly, President Wathen closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-23 *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 RECORDER'S REQUEST TO USE THE COUNTY RECORDER'S
RECORD PERPETUATION FUND TO SUPPORT ALL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR 2024**

Hendricks County Recorder, Laura Herzog presented Ordinance 2023-22 an *Ordinance Approving Recorder's Request to use the County Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund to Support All Operating Expenses for 2024* for the Council's consideration. Recorder Herzog stated her association had provided the original language and at the request of the Council Attorney, she had updated her sworn statement. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated that wages and associated benefits have not been approved yet and was concerned that the *not to exceed* amount of \$388,000 in bullet point 4 would not be accurate at this time. It was the consensus that

Recorder Herzog would update the Sworn Statement once the wages and benefits had been finalized by the Council.

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve Ordinance 2023-22 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY
PORTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISTRIBUTION**

Discussion was held on how to provide financial support to the Township Fire Department on the west side of Hendricks County. Auditor Nancy Marsh reported the Hendricks County portion of the Public Safety Distribution for the full year of 2023 is \$1,333,776. Council President Eric Wathen stated he had determined, what he believed to be, a fair distribution formula. It was the consensus of the Council to calculate the grants using one-half of the 2023 County's Public Safety Distribution portion of \$1,333,776 or \$666,888. Council President distributed a proposed Township Fire Grant Calculator based on each the 6 Township Fire Departments' percentage of the of the 6 Townships total spend and applied that percentage to the amount spent by each Township.

It was the consensus of the Council to partner with the Commissioners to find a mechanism to distribute the fire grants to the Townships. Commissioner Dawes will take that message to the Board of Commissioners and the County Attorney

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW AND
RECOMMENDATION OF HENDRICKS COUNTY UNIT CIRCUIT BREAKERS AND TAX LEVIES**

The property tax levy limits and estimated circuit breakers for each taxing unit of Hendricks County government were presented by Auditor Nancy Marsh. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to acknowledge, review, and accept the levy limits and estimated circuit breakers as presented with no recommendations to the other taxing units. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Council President Eric Wathen opened and closed the public hearing with no comments being heard from the assembly. President Wathen read the proposed additional appropriations. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to approve emergency additional appropriation number 1 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	Animal Shelter	1001.20219.000.0144	Medical for Animals	\$17,730.40	\$17,730.40

Dated this 1st day of August, 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 Caleb Brown to approve Reallocation of Funds numbers 1 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.	Immunization for Child	8906.13590.000.0214	8906.13592.000.0214	\$1,586.58	Y

Approved this 1st day of August, 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 THE STATUS OF FUNDS

Auditor Marsh stated that the Food and Beverage remains strong but advised this was the last month to receive the full 100% and the county's distribution will be 50% until the participating counties receive the \$5,000,000 collection threshold.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JAIL'S MEDICAL CONTRACT

Sheriff Jack Sadler made the Council aware of some of the issues he was facing with the jail medical contract and is considering moving to a new vendor. Sheriff Sadler stated that the new jail is averaging 320 inmates

and the 2023 contract is based on 250 inmates so there is an additional charge for each person over the contract number of 250. Sheriff Sadler stated Advanced Correctional Healthcare has had personnel changes causing reporting issues and they are not functioning well. Sheriff Sadler stated that having a 24 hour nurse would be a great benefit, and while more expensive, would save money in the long run by not sending inmates to the hospital when a nurse is not present to diagnose their symptoms.

Auditor Marsh stated the ACH contracted is funded through the 20% Correctional Facility LIT portion allowed and she will advertise for an additional appropriation at the September meeting.

OTHER COUNCIL COMMENTS

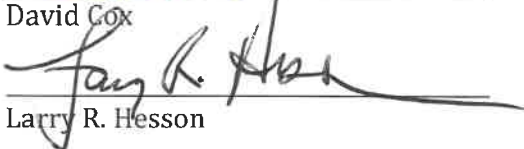
Councilman Larry Hesson encouraged members to attend the AIC Annual Conference in French Lick on September 25 - 28, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by Larry Hesson and seconded by Caleb Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. on Tuesday August 1, 2023 to be followed by the 2024 Budget Workshops. Motion carried 7-0.


HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL


Caleb Brown


David Cox


Larry R. Hesson


absent
Larry R. Scott


Eric Wathen

absent
Brad Whicker


David Wyeth

ATTEST:


Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor