

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday February 20, 2024 with the following in attendance: Councilmen Caleb Brown, David Cox, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, Financial Administrator Paula Alkire, Auditor Nancy Marsh, and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilman Caleb Brown led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JANUARY 2, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Dave Wyeth to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting as amended. Motion carried 6-0-1 (BW).

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

IN THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS GROUP

Hendricks County Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz presented information for discussion only, and proposed decisions be made later this year. Mr. Guerrettaz presented the Hendricks County 2024 Local Income Tax Distribution from the State of Indiana, a Summary of Debt Service Requirements for Current and Proposed Property Tax Bond and the Current Local Income Tax Rates for the Council's review and planning purposes. Mr. Guerrettaz stated that the Hendricks County Communication Center still needs to provide a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and understands the county is working on their Capital Improvement Plan.

Council President Eric Wathen asked if the operating portion of the Correctional Facility Local Income Tax still had a sunset date. Mr. Guerrettaz stated that right now, there is a 20 year cliff for the allowance of operating from the Correctional Facility Local Income Tax.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOMINATION TO THE
BROWNSBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she had received a recommendation from the Brownsburg Town Council to appoint Chris Worley to the Brownsburg Economic Development Commission after the January 2, 2024 meeting. It was moved by and seconded by to nominate Chris Worley for appointment to the Brownsburg Economic Development Commission for a one year term. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE

The 2024 Hendricks County Salary Ordinance 2024-03 was presented for approval. Council President Wathen stated he and Auditor Nancy Marsh had worked through the existing concerns, and it was determined that the Salary Ordinance be reported by Job Description, Grade, and the

2024 Wage Scale Salary Band. It was moved by Caleb Brown and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve Ordinance 2024-03 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWN OF AVON, INDIANA AND HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA**

Upon joint agreement by the Hendricks County Attorney and the Hendricks County Council Attorney, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Avon, Indiana and Hendricks County, Indiana was presented for approval. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Avon, Indiana and Hendricks County, Indiana as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA AND HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA**

The previously tabled Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Indianapolis By and Through Its Department of Public Works and Hendricks County, Indiana was presented for approval. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MOU FOR COMPENSATION FOR
HENDRICKS COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she had received the Memorandum of Understanding for Compensation for Hendricks County Probation Officers from Court Administrator Catherine Haines. Auditor Marsh stated she had not spoken to Ms. Haines recently to affirm she wanted it on the February agenda. It was the consensus that there was some concern about paragraph number 9 and further clarification was needed. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Larry Scott to table the MOU until the March Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Caleb Brown will contact Court Administrator Catherine Haines.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROSECUTOR'S LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND 4923

Hendricks County Prosecutor Loren Delp stated his office had provided the Avon Police Department with weapons several years ago and they no longer have a use for them. Prosecutor Delp received authorization from the Hendricks County Commissioners to dispose of the property. Prosecutor Delp ask for the Council's approval to place the revenue from the sale into the Law Enforcement Fund 4923 as they were originally purchased from that fund. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the request. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Public Hearing was opened by President Eric Wathen. Hearing no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve Emergency Appropriations numbers 1 through 17 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the requests for requests for funding from the GO Bond Proceeds for remodeling the old post office for Child Support, Animal Shelter Storage, Coroner's Office construction and for architectural and engineer design fees for the Multipurpose Building.

The Council expressed concern about the \$1,267,000 request for construction of the Animal Shelter Storage. Council members who served on the Capital Planning Committee assured the Council this storage facility had been discussed and, in the long term plans, the need to empty the Community Building for future demolition. Former Facilities Director stated that this storage facility was part of the plan to relocate all of the items stored in the East Campus Community Building which will be torn down in the future. Council President Wathen asked who stores items at the current Community Building. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated the Auditor's Office has significant permanent records stored in the Community Building and assumed most of the other offices have permanent records stored in the same manner. The Council achieved a level of comfort that the building was not strictly a storage facility for Animal Control and would be used countywide. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve Emergency Appropriations numbers 18 through 23. Motion carried 6-1 (DW),

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	Voters Registration	1112.31900.000.046	Contract Services	\$15,168.00	\$15,168.00
2	Statewide 911	1222.30917.000.0102	Communication Center	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
3	Jail Lease Rental	1233.34201.000.0102	Trustee Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00
4	Court Administration (Grant)	9108.30702.000.0160	Interpreters	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
5	Local Health Maintenance	1168.13590.000.0214	FICA & Medicare	\$10,250.00	\$10,250.00
6	Local Health Maintenance	1168.13591.000.0214	PERF	\$19,050.00	\$19,050.00
7	Local Health Maintenance	1168.13592.000.0214	Group Insurance	\$26,992.00	\$26,992.00
8	Local Health Maintenance	1168.13593.000.0214	Unemployment	\$200.00	\$200.00
9	Local Health Maintenance	1168.13594.000.0214	Worker's Compensation	\$1,808.00	\$1,808.00
10	Local Health Maintenance	1168.18625.000.0214	PH Education Specialist/31	\$66,950.00	\$66,950.00
11	Local Health Maintenance	1168.18690.000.0214	PH Ed Spec-Spec Proj Coord	\$66,950.00	\$66,950.00
12	Local Health Maintenance	1168.20200.000.0214	Operating Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
13	Local Health Maintenance	1168.30500.000.0214	Education/Travel	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
14	Local Health Maintenance	1168.32600.000.0214	Telephone	\$950.00	\$950.00
15	Local Health Maintenance	1168.33000.000.0214	Mileage/Travel	\$6000.00	\$6000.00
16	Local Health Maintenance	1168.34500.000.0214	Printing & Advertising	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00

17	Local Health Dept Trust	1206.20200.000.0214	Operating Supplies	\$10,352.35	\$10,352.35
18	GO Bond Proceeds	4613.38503.000.0136	Remodel/Child Support	\$184,000.00	\$184,000.00
19	GO Bond Proceeds	4613.41142.000.0136	Animal Shelter Storage	\$1,267,000.00	\$1,267,000.00
20	GO Bond Proceeds	4613.38502.000.0136	Coroner's Office Construction	\$742,000.00	\$742,000.00
21	GO Bond Proceeds	4613.30201.000.0136	Engineering & Design Fees	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
22	HAVA/HELP AMERICA VOTE	8113.39900.000.0146	Voting Education	\$7,815.00	\$7,815.00
23	HAVA/ Election Security	8170.39900.000.0146	Outreach & Education	\$84,838.00	\$84,838.00

Dated this 20th day of February, 2024.

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/s/ Caleb Brown #1-#23

/s/ David Cox #1-#23

/s/ Larry R. Hesson #1-#23

/s/ Larry R. Scott #1-#23

/s/ Eric Wathen #1-#23

/s/ Brad Whicker #1-#23

/s/ David Wyeth #1-#17

David Wyeth #18-#23

ATTEST: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh

IN THE MATTER OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Reallocation of Funds numbers 1 and 2 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.	Auditor	1001.30201.000.0102	1001.10250.000.0102	\$10,000.00	Y
2.	Planning & Bldg.	1001.13199.000.0131	1001.13102.000.0131	\$250.00	Y

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ATTEST: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh

IN THE MATTER OF PERFORMANCE INCREASE REQUEST FROM COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Council President stated that Bridgette Collins-George had made an email request to increase two employees' wages by \$1.00 per hour funded from the remaining Community Corrections Performance Pool. Auditor Marsh stated Ms. Collins-George was unable to be at the meeting and explained that she has remaining dollars in her Performance Pool and would like to increase the bilingual employees wages due to their value in the Community Correction environment. Council President Wathen emphasized that this request is being considered only because the increase is funded from the Community Corrections Performance Pool. Auditor Marsh stated she would not expect more requests as most departments used their full Performance Pool. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by David Cox to approve the supplemental pay of \$1.00 per hour to the two bilingual employees to be paid from the Work Release 2024 Performance Pool. Motion carried 7-0.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Status of Funds was reviewed and noted that the Food and Beverage for January 2024 is the highest receipt since the adoption of the Food & Beverage Tax.

The County Council acknowledged receipt and review of the Community Corrections Annual Report.

The County Council acknowledged receipt and review of the Sheriff's Commissary Fund Report 7.1.23 through 12.31.23 and the Sheriff's Jail Meal Breakdown Report 12.29.22 through 12.27.23.

County Insurance Broker, John Parmley presented proposed changes to the insurance coverages and premium updates for the Council's review and approval. Discussion was held on the prospect of being self-insured for certain portions of the coverage. Mr. Parmely stated that physical damage is something to look at being self-insured, but he recommended that it would need some type of catastrophic umbrella in case of hail damage, wind damage or other high value damage.

Ultimately, it was the consensus of the Council that it is a Board of Commissioners decision.

COUNTY COMMENTS

Councilman Larry Hesson expressed concern about the video visitation and phone rates charged to inmates. Mr. Hesson stated that while the money is good for the bottom line in the Commissary Fund, but not as a matter of fairness.

Councilman David Cox inquired about the follow through suggested to Work Release to establish a Corporal position when the Sergeant positions are vacant to provide an on duty supervisor.


Councilman David Cox distributed a chart of the 2023 services provided by Hendricks County Senior Services which include:

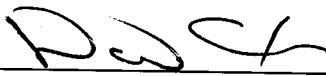
4,217	Hours of Caregiver and Referral Support	18,086	Hours of Social Activities
63,846	Pounds of Food Distributed	20,388	Meals Served (34% Increase from 2022)
9,222	Hours of In-Home Care	14,093	Rides Provided
30,434	Hours of Exercise and Fitness	44,187	Duplicated People Served
2,168	Unduplicated People Served		

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated the AIC West Central District meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024 and stated that she will register the Council members who wish to attend.

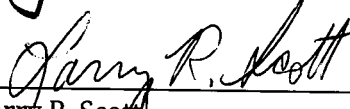
There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by David Wyeth and seconded by Caleb Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

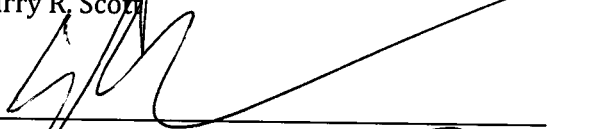
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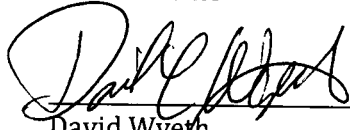

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ATTEST:


Nancy L. Marsh, Hendricks County Auditor