

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 3, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President David Wyeth on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 with the following in attendance: David Cox, Kendall Hendricks, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, Financial Administrator Tami Mitchell, and Auditor Nancy Marsh. Councilman Larry Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JULY 6, 2021 MINUTES**

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox that minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE**

Hendricks County Health Officer, Dr. David Stopperich gave an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Delta Variant. Dr. Stopperich stated Hendricks County, with the arrival of the Delta Variant, is experiencing 25 cases per day and 3 deaths per month. Dr. Stopperich stated there are currently 26 in patients and 13 in ICU. Dr. Stopperich stated the county is in the state's yellow category with a rate of 8.9 compared to the state's rate of 7.5. Dr. Stopperich stated that Hendricks County is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state with 68.5% of eligible individuals over 12 have been vaccinated with 58% high schoolers vaccinated and 38% middle schoolers vaccinated. Right now, Dr. Stopperich is recommending we follow the CDC guidelines with masks not required with outside activities and recommended masks for indoor activities. Dr. Stopperich stated we are following the federal mandate for public transportation which requires being masked. Dr. Stopperich recommended following the State Health Department recommendation that everyone wear a mask as vaccinated can be carriers.

Councilman Brad Whicker asked if pharmaceutical companies are working towards making a better vaccine. Dr. Stopperich stated that Hendricks Regional Health is reporting 90% of current patients have not been vaccinated.

Councilman Larry Hesson asked when and if a third dose would be available. Councilman Hesson stated he had read that his age group, receiving the booster, will give 11 times the protection. Dr. Stopperich stated that the CDC is not recommending the third dose at this time.

**IN THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BOONE COUNTY**

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Brad Whicker to table the resolution for financial support of the Boone County dark box theory until the September 7, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACANCY ON THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated one of the applicants for appointment to the Hendricks County Alcoholic Beverage Board had withdrew his application because he did not meet the residence requirement. Auditor Marsh stated she had sent the questionnaire to the other applicant but had not heard from back from that person.

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by David Wyeth to table the appointment until the September meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Council President Wyeth asked if a notice of the vacancy could be put on

the county's web site. Auditor Marsh stated she would work with IT to get the notice on the County's web site.

**IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management Director Dawn M. Mason presented a request to the Council for an overtime budget in Emergency Management. Ms. Mason stated she has spoken with the Commissioners and Executive Director and they agreed that it is warranted. It was the consensus of the Council to look favorably on an overtime line item for Emergency Management in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AVON-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY APPOINTMENT**

Laurel T. Setser, Library Director of the Avon-Washington Township Public Library sent a request to the Hendricks County Council to recommend the appointment of Tina Stansbury to replace board member Daren Shoemaker who has moved out of the library district which makes him ineligible to complete his term ending December 2, 2023.

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded David Cox to appoint Tina Stansbury to complete the term ending on December 2, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSOR**

Assessor Nikki Lawson informed the Council of her need to have additional help to complete the statutory tasks of the Assessor. Ms. Lawson stated she has requests in her 2022 budget, but her immediate need is to change from a part time to a full time a residential field assessor. Ms. Lawson said her part time field assessor had passed away suddenly and she feels the immediate issue is to replace him with a full time position. Ms. Lawson stated the permits in 2019 to 2020 had increased by 29% and to date, the permits have increased by 48 percent for 2020 to 2021. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to convert one part time position to a full time position for the remainder of 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Veterans Service Officer Lori Turpin notified the Council that she will be retiring in October 31,2021. Ms. Turpin stated that before she advertises for her replacement, she is requesting the Veterans Service Officer and the Assistant Veterans Service Officer go from part time to full time status at this time. Ms. Turpin stated her office has assisted veterans in obtaining benefits that not only benefit the veteran but the entire community.

| <b>HENDRICKS COUNTY</b> | <b>Veteran Population</b> | <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>Compensation and Pensions</b> | <b>Education &amp; Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment</b> | <b>Insurance &amp; Indemnities</b> | <b>Medical Care</b> | <b>Unique Patients</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2007                    | 12,306                    | 22,796,000                | 9,878,000                        | 818,000  | 740,000                            | 11,361,000          | 1,666                  |
| 2020                    | 9,319                     | 88,083,000                | 42,809,000                       | 4,882,000  | 649,000                            | 39,742,000          | 3,162                  |

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the full time status of the Veterans Service Officer and the Assistant Veterans Service Officer effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.



**IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF HENDRICKS COUNTY  
UNITS OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

The 2022 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 Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Hesson to acknowledge review and accept the levy limits and estimated circuit breakers as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BENEFIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL**

Upon recommendation by the Benefits Committee, it was moved by the David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to send a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to change the dialysis vender from Renalogics to Special Care Management. Motion carried 6-0 (EW).

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

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve emergency additional appropriation number 1 as requested. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Scott to approve emergency additional appropriations numbers 2, 3, and 4 as presented. Motion carried 6-1 (EW).

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve emergency additional appropriations 5 and 6 as presented and table number 7. Motion carried 7-0.

*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. | Prosecutor/Stop Grant    | 8102.10802.000.0108 | Stop Grant Award           | \$54,750.00  | \$54,750.00  |
| 2. | Health/Vaccination Grant | 8906.10007.000.0214 | Personal Services Grant    | \$203,393.00 | \$203,393.00 |
| 3. | Health/Vaccination Grant | 8906.20007.000.0214 | Supplies Grant             | \$66,255.00  | \$66,255.00  |
| 4. | Health/Vaccination Grant | 8906.30007.000.0214 | Other Services & Charges   | \$59,629.00  | \$59,629.00  |
| 5. | American Rescue Plan/IT  | 8950.30005.000.0147 | Technology Infrastructure  | \$271,441.95 | \$271,441.95 |
| 6. | Probation/Pretrial Grant | 9122.xxxxx.000.0151 | Pretrial Supervision Grant | \$93,237.50  | \$93,237.50  |
| 7. | Council                  |                     | Dark Box Grant to Boone Co | \$25,000.00  | Table        |

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.

**AYE**

**NAY**

/s/ David Cox  
/s/ Kendall Hendricks

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

/s/ Eric Wathen 2, 3, & 4

**IN THE MATTER OF REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Judge Karen Love gave an update on the Youth Assistance Program (YAP) and stated they have hired a new director and do not have a gauge of the program of the number of youths that would benefit from the program. Judge Love stated they now have 53 youths participating and are looking to start a tutoring program. Judge Love stated they have considerable community support and are getting many referrals. Councilman David Cox, who serves on the YAP Board stated he is impressed with the board and they are aggressive in getting things done. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Eric Wathen to approve reallocation numbers 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve reallocation numbers 4 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve reallocation number 5 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. | Superior 3/YAP       | 1001.13591.000.0153 | 1001.31900.000.0153 | \$6,000.00  | Y   |
| 2. | Superior 3/YAP       | 1001.13593.000.0153 | 1001.15311.000.0153 | \$100.00    | Y   |
| 3. | Superior 3/YAP       | 1001.13592.000.0153 | 1001.15311.000.0153 | \$16,640.00 | Y   |
| 4. | Court Administration | 1001.31600.000.160  | 1001.42701.000.0160 | \$65,550.00 | Y   |
| 5. | Cumulative Bridge    | 1135.34294.000.0201 | 1135.45557.000.0201 | \$75,000.00 | Y   |

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.

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 /s/ Kendall Hendricks  
 /s/ Larry R. Hesson  
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 /s/ Eric Wathen  
 /s/ Brad Whicker  
 /s/ David Wyeth

Attest: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh



### **IN THE MATTER OF THE CORONER**

Coroner Rick Morpew, by virtual attendance, inquired if all Council members had received the Coroner's Office statistics for the 2022 budget meetings. All Council members except Larry Hesson (due to technology problems) stated they had received the handouts. Auditor Marsh stated she would send the handouts to Larry Hesson through a different carrier. Mr. Morpew stated that in 2017, his first year, he had 285 Coroner cases and is predicting 600 to 625 cases in 2021. Mr. Morpew stated his refrigeration space has been doubled and his office space is adequate through his term ending December 31, 2024.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE WAGE STUDY**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated that since the Budget Workshops started immediately after this meeting and minutes are prepared for the Budget Workshop, the decision on the wages could be pushed past this meeting and made during the Budget Workshop. Councilman Larry Scott stated he preferred that the action be made at the regular Council meeting.

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the rate of 1.1% based on the December 31, 2020 Consumer Price Index for the Midwest Region to be added to the 2021 salary for 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Eric Wathen stated that he has 90% confidence in the First Person numbers and changes approved by the Council at the April 6, 2021 meeting of the Council, and therefore moved the adoption of the grade and wages as presented at the April 6 meeting and those above the midpoint would only receive the 1.1 CPI cost of living adjustment. Hearing no second, the motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman David Cox stated the numbers on the April 6, 2021 spreadsheet are wrong. Eric Wathen asked the Sub-Committee what is wrong with the April 6, 2021 spreadsheet which reflected the First Person numbers along with the Council's adjustments on April 6, 2020. Mr. Cox re-stated the numbers are wrong.

Discussion was held on the amount of money it would take to implement the Sub-committee's recommendation and the Subcommittee recommended that it be spread over at least three years. It was ultimately the consensus of the Council to implement the full recommendation in 2022.

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she did not agree with the Sub-Committee's scale as the changes, in her opinion, were subjective rather than objective and disregarded the First Person Study. Auditor Nancy Marsh cautioned the Council that the Courts would need to be recognized as 40 hour employees if the Sub-Committee's recommendation was adopted.

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by David Cox to implement 100% of the annual compensation salaries that the Sub-Committee recommends. Motion carried 7-0.

### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The Council acknowledged receipt and review of the monthly Status of Funds provided by the Auditor.

Councilman Larry Hesson encouraged members to attend the Association of Indiana Counties Annual Conference to be held September 20 to 23, 2021 at Belterra Conference Center.

In the Sheriff's absence, Auditor Nancy Marsh briefly explained the Sheriff's requests for funding for Juvenile Detainees at a Ft. Wayne facility and funding for the new hire testing for Merit Deputies. It was the consensus to advertise for the September 7, 2021 Council meeting.

The Sheriff's Commissary Report from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, was reviewed and acknowledged by the Council.

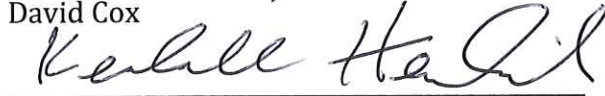
Councilman David Cox stated he believed the Council should be involved in the space assessments needs, referencing IC 36-2-2-20 and IC 36-1-11-3. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by David Wyeth to appoint the Council Vice President, David Cox, and Council Member Brad Whicker to be a member of the Committee investigating the space needs of the county. Motion carried 7-0.

Facilities Director Kevin Cavanaugh gave an update on the new jail construction.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by Eric Wathen and seconded by David Cox, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 to be followed by the Council Budget Workshops on August 3, 4, & 5, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

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Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor