

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President David Wyeth on Tuesday March 3, 2020 with the following in attendance: Caleb Brown, David Cox, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, David Wyeth, Brad Whicker, Financial Administrator Tami Mitchell and Auditor Nancy Marsh. Councilman Brad Whicker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Larry Hesson that the minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COLLEGE NETWORK

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to table the Hendricks College Network until the April 7, 2020 meeting and Councilman Larry Hesson will follow up with Brandy Perrill. Motion carried 7-0.

DANVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Brad Whicker to nominate Jerry Vornholt to the Danville Economic Development Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY SOIL & WATER

Bree Ollier, representing the Hendricks County Soil & Water Conservation District presented the 2019 Accomplishments of the SWCD. Ms. Ollier stated that the return on each county tax dollar invested leverages \$8.79 which is an increase from last year.

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES (ARES)

Mr. Ronald Burke and Mr. Gordon Cotton of the Hendricks County ARES requested funding to purchase repeaters and associated equipment to replace outdated and poorly maintained repeaters owned by other groups and individuals. Mr. Cotton stated the equipment would be installed on an existing radio tower at the corner of 200E and East Main in Danville. Mr. Cotton and Mr. Burke stated the equipment would enable radio communication on the 2 meter and 70 cm bands enabling the two county hospitals to communicate with each other and other agencies as well as enhance capabilities for County EMA, Health, Police, Fire, and Sheriff to communicate. It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by David Cox to look favorably on the request and advertise for the April meeting from State E911 or Food and Beverage. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS

Hendricks County Health Officer, Dr. David Stopperich gave an update on the preparedness of the Health Department as it relates to the Coronavirus. Mr. Stopperich stated that the county, under the guidance of the Public Health Preparedness Coordinator, Jeff Corder, is well prepared for the current reported threat as well as any other health related issues under the Health Department's jurisdiction.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve Emergency Additional Appropriations numbers 1-7 as presented. 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.	General - Planning	1001.30800.000.0131	Other Services & Charges	\$3,834.00	\$3,834.00
2.	Work Release	1122.15499.000.0154	Personal Services	\$39,503.00	\$39,503.00
3.	Park Board Food & Bev	1157.41060.000.0156	Park Improvements	\$305,497.00	\$305,497.00
4.	Park Board Food & Bev	1157.41060.000.0156	Park Improvements	\$110,056.00	\$110,056.00
5.	Heartland TIF	4401.41060.000.0102	Other Services & Charges	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
6.	Exit 59 Reimbursement	4405.30100.000.0102	Other Services & Charges	\$102,685.00	\$102,685.00
7.	Drainage Board	4945.44550.000.0133	Capital Outlays	\$115,470.00	\$115,470.00

Adopted this 3rd day of March 2020.

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

Attest: /s/ Nancy L. Marsh

REALLOCATION OF FUNDS RESOLUTION

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to approve transfer numbers 1 through 11 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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.	Prosecutor	1001.10804.000.0108	1001.10856.000.0108	\$150.00	Y
2.	Animal Control	1001.14412.000.0144	1001.14407.000.0144	\$367.00	Y
3.	Animal Control	1001.14412.000.0144	1001.14403.000.0144	\$148.00	Y
4.	Public Defender	1001.37315.000.0166	1001.16600.000.0166	\$1,987.00	Y
5.	Health	1159.18617.000.0214	1159.18620.000.0214	\$403.00	Y

Adopted this 3rd day of March 2020.

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/s/ Caleb M. 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, Auditor

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Auditor Nancy Marsh presented the Status of Funds report. There were no questions or comments.

Councilman Larry Scott reported on the First Person Compensation Study. Mr. Scott reported that the committee has almost completed the Draft Philosophy Statement to present to the Council. Mr. Scott stated, at this time, there is cost of living component being considered tied to the Consumer Price Index for the Midwest area. Mr. Scott stated that the COLA will more than likely be in place for the 2021 budgets. Councilman David Cox stated, at this time, there will be a one-time tenure increase. Mr. Scott further explained that there will be a mechanism to reward high performing employees with a merit increase one time a year. Mr. Scott stated, beginning with the 2022 budgets, department head or elected official will submit the documented request for a merit increase to Human Resources which will be decided on by the Hendricks County Council. Councilman Eric Wathen encouraged reviews being performed multiple times a year through Bamboo HR and he offered assistance to department heads and elected officials. Hendricks County Highway Superintendent, Curt Higginbotham stated that we are not an average county and our employees are not average and we should strive for recognizing employees on a higher level.

Park Director Ryan Lemley updated the Council stating they are receiving sealed bids for the Phase I of the W. S. Gibbs Memorial Park.

Facilities Director Kevin Cavanaugh gave an update on the progress of the jail project and stated the Commissioners chose Garmong as their Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) for the new jail.

Mr. Eugene Trapp thanked the Council for his appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission Board. Mr. Trapp also reported some potholes at 100 North and 300 East and asked if the county could investigate the area. Mr. Trapp was referred to Mr. Curt Higginbotham, Highway Superintendent.

Treasurer Shawn Shelley stated that the taxes are being calculated now and she expects to mail tax statements on or about March 23, 2020.

Clerk Debbie Hoskins reported that she had collaborated with Treasurer Shelley to add a flyer in with the tax bills to provide election dates, times and locations for voting as she has done in past years.

Councilman Eric Wathen stated he was the County appointee to the MPO Policy Committee and has been appointed to the MPO Administrative Committee. He stated there was a plan being negotiated to swap federal funds for local funds for highway projects which would give more flexibility to the County. County Engineer John Ayers stated the change would be a huge benefit to get projects out more efficiently.

Councilman Wathen stated he had been contacted by Financial Solutions about the Proposal for *General Financial Consulting Including Budget and Sustainability/Revenue & Spending Plan*. Auditor Marsh stated that she had recommended to the Council and Commissioners, approximately 2 months ago that she would like the proposal amended for budgeting and 1782 only, to "upon request by the Auditor." Auditor Marsh stated that Hendricks County has many avenues where a financial consultant is necessary and she has absolutely no problem with their services, other than budgeting. Ms. Marsh stated the statutory responsible falls on the fiscal officer. Councilman Larry Hesson supported Auditor Marsh and explained the history that the County had severed ties with another financial consultant. Mr. Wathen remained adamant that a financial consultant be used and stated it didn't matter which consulting firm was used. It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Brad Whicker to recommend to the Commissioners that the Proposal For General Financial Consulting Including Budget and Sustainability/Revenue & Pending Plan be signed as presented. Motion carried 5-2 (LH/DW).

Councilman Eric Wathen stated Mr. Guerrettaz had given the proposals for *Professional Services For Hendricks County Jail Sustainability*, dated February 24, 2020 and the *Agreement for Income Tax Bonds*, dated February 24, 2020, to the Council on February 4, 2020. Auditor Marsh stated she had not received them at the meeting, and they are not memorialized in the minutes. Councilmen Larry Hesson and David Cox stated they had not received the proposals. Discussion was held. Auditor Marsh stated that the proposals are for the Commissioners and if there are no objections from the Council, the Commissioners ultimately make that decision.

Councilman David Cox reported that the Youth Assistance Program (YAP) was having a little difficulty with their 501(c)3 status and accepting donations.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon final motion made by Larry ^{Hesson} and seconded by David Cox, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL

CMB/nm Conference
Caleb M. Brown

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David Cox

LRH/nm Conference
Larry R. Hesson

LRS/nm Conference
Larry R. Scott

Attest: Nancy L. Marsh
Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor

EW/nm Conference
Eric Wathen

BW/nm Conference
Brad Whicker

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David Wyeth