

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Hendricks County Council was called to order by President Eric Wathen on Tuesday June 18, 2024 with the following in attendance: Councilmen Caleb Brown, David Cox, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, Deputy Auditor Cinda Katta , Financial Administrator Paula Alkire and Legal Counsel Rhonda Cook. Councilman David Wyeth led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JUNE 18, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Caleb Brown to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1 (BW)

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL AND COMPLIANCE OF REMAINING CF-1'S

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to table the approval of the remaining CF-1 compliance statements until the August 20, 2024 Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE AVON-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Avon-Washington Township Public Library Director Laurel Setser presented three topics to the Council for their discussion and review. Mrs. Setser stated there was a delay in receiving information from the DLGF and apologized for the lateness in distributing the information.

Mrs. Setser stated that the library currently has \$600,000 in the Rainy Day Fund and hope to request an appropriation of \$100,000 next year which request would require a binding review by the County Council.

Mrs. Setser stated her second request is for the Council's approval to petition for an excess levy appeal for the library. Mrs. Setser stated the library had received a Growth Appeal in 2024 and will qualify for an appeal in 2025.

Mrs. Setser stated her third item of discussion was advising the Council that the Avon-Washington Township Library Board is obtaining a GO Bond which will also need the Council's approval.

Council attorney asked if the decisions could be made at the August meeting to give the Council more time to review the documentation. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Hesson to table the request until the August 20 Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF HENDRICKS COUNTY
LOCAL INCOME TAX REALLOCATION ANALYSIS**

Hendricks County Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz presented a Local Income Tax Reallocation Analysis and his recommendations. Mr. Guerrettaz is recommending the following:

- Reduce the Correctional Facility LIT by 5 basis point from .20 to .15
- Increase the Economic Development Income Tax by 5 basis points from .25 to .30

Mr. Guerrettaz stated the increased revenue in EDIT could help fund the roundabout and road projects in the county and help to implement the 5 year Capital plan.

Mr. Guerrettaz stated there are several things going on behind the scenes and today's goal would be to move forward on the resolutions. Council members expressed some concern about the reduction in the revenue dedicated to Jail Operations because we are currently funding medical and meals from the Correction Facilities Operating Fund.

Mr. Guerrettaz stated he wanted to get all of the facts and figures flushed out and then proceed to reduce the Correctional Facilities LIT by five (5) basis points. Mr. Guerrettaz stated there was a potential for it to only impact the debt service portion while still maintaining operating.

Mr. Guerrettaz recommended the following:

- Create a draft resolution to be approved by the DLGF
- Verify the adequate coverage on the jail bond
- Clarification on the obligation between the operating and debt service

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Scott to proceed with making the recommended change. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE
HENDRICKS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Caleb Brown to codify the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners of Scott Slavens to the Hendricks County Economic Development Commission for a term to end July 13, 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

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

The public hearing was opened for the Emergency Appropriation Resolution of July 16, 2024. Hearing no public comment, the public hearing was closed by President Eric Wathen.

Councilman Caleb Brown asked Court Administrator, Catherine Haines about her opinion why the costs for juvenile detention have increased so much. Ms. Haines reported that there is an uptick in the seriousness of the offences and the youth are detained longer. Ms. Haines also stated there had been a change in the law, where, in the past, under certain circumstances, the county could hold juveniles who were 16 to 18 years old, with serious offences, in the local jail. The law has changed, and they must now be sent to a juvenile facility. Ms. Haines stated the per diem has increased significantly.

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve emergency additional appropriations numbers one, two, and three as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL 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	Facilities General Fund	1001.31700.000.0136	Contract Services	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
2	Prosecutor Pretrial Diversions	2501.10810.000.0108	Personal Services	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
3.	Court Adm. General Fund	1001.31600.000.0160	Care of Juvenile Offenders	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

Dated this 18th day of June, 2024.

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/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, Auditor

IN THE MATTER OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve the Reallocation of Funds number one and two 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.	Planning & Building-GF	1001.30800.000.0131	1001.20100.000.0131	\$5,000.00	Y
2.	Facilities – GF	1001.13613.000.0136	1001.31700.000.0136	\$29,601.00	Y

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IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE PAID PROSECUTORS AND THE COUNTY PAID PROSECUTORS

Prosecutor Delp discussed the state paid prosecutors versus the county paid prosecutors. Mr. Delp stated he had submitted payroll change forms, not asking for any more money, but to move supervisory supplemental already appropriated. Council President asked about the pay of the state prosecutors of \$129,034 effective July 1, 2024 compared to the county paid prosecutors of \$93,858. Mr. Delp stated the state paid prosecutor positions are desired because of the higher pay and the far better retirement plan. Mr. Delp stated all state paid prosecutors are supervisors and are awarded a supervisor supplemental.

Council President stated that he did not understand the numbers presented and asked Prosecutor Delp to lay it out on paper for the Council budget meetings for the Council to get a better understanding of the request.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATUS OF FUNDS

President Wathen acknowledged the Status of Funds Report had been distributed to Council members.

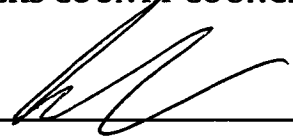
OTHER BUSINESS

The Council acknowledged the timely receipt and of the Sheriff's Commissary Report and the Sheriff's Accounting of Expenditures for Feeding Prisoners and the Auditor's Status of Funds.


Councilman David Wyeth invited all to attend the Hendricks County Fair being held this week, stating Hendricks County has one of the nicest Fairgrounds in the state. Councilman Larry Scott stated the Hendricks County 200 Year Bicentennial was also being celebrated during the fair.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Hesson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

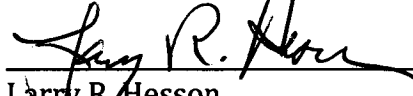
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David Cox



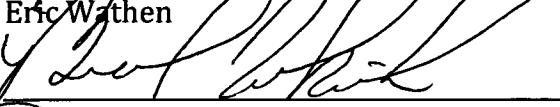
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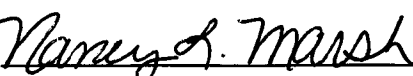


Brad Whicker



David Wyeth

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