

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. local time, in the Commissioners' and Council Room of the Harrison County Government Center located in Corydon, Indiana.

Present:	Jake Blackman, Council Member	Mike Summers, Council Attorney
	Sherry Brown, Council Member	Chad Shireman, County Auditor
	Holli Castetter, Council Member	
	Richard Gerdon, Council Member	
	Donnie Hussung, Council Member	
	Joe Kellum, Council Member	
	Kyle Nix, Council Member	

Chairman Hussung led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Hussung called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with six members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Mike Summers present. Councilman Joe Kellum had indicated that he would be a few minutes late.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the council with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$100,399.14 for equipment in the motor vehicle highway fund. Mr. Russel explained that this was for two new Bobcat compact track loaders. He noted that the highway department would be utilizing the company's two-year buyback program, with the trade-in values of the existing machines being \$44,000.00 each. Mr. Russel explained that this was part of a departmental effort to reduce the ongoing parts and maintenance costs, which had been substantial in the past.

Chairman Hussung said that the next order of business was additional appropriations for the council's consideration. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$62.00 in the precinct election board account in the election board budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$85,300.00 for bituminous in the highway department budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Nix made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,816.45 to the Town of Corydon, \$206.93 to the Town of Crandall, \$306.53 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$113.13 to the Town of Laconia, \$1,424.34 to the Town of Lanesville, \$68.65 to the Town of Mauckport, \$1,201.94 to the Town of Milltown, \$23.21 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$135.38 to the Town of New Middletown and \$1,373.09 to the Town of Palmyra for infrastructure out of the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Councilman Nix made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$110,510.24 to Crawford County, \$27,627.56 to Washington County, \$13,813.78 to Floyd County, \$13,813.78 to the Town of Georgetown, \$41,441.34 to the City of New Albany, \$20,641.93 to the Town of Corydon, \$888.23 to the Town of Crandall, \$1,312.31 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$483.48 to the Town of Laconia, \$6,105.69 to the Town of Lanesville, \$294.24 to the Town of Mauckport, \$5,152.54 to the Town of Milltown, \$98.08 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$581.56 to the Town of New Middletown and \$5,883.29 to the Town of Palmyra for riverboat revenue sharing out of the county riverboat ordinance 98-12 fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nay.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,471.90 for contractual services-other in the auditor ineligible deduction fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,984.43 for equipment in the auditor ineligible deduction fund. Councilman Nix seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,688.00 for security services in the park & recreation fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$515.00 for medical supplies in the problem-solving courts fund. Councilman Nix seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the Annual Budget;

NOW THEREFORE: Sec. 1 Be it ordained by the County Council of Harrison County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums are hereby appropriated out of the funds named for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>		
1000-31201-000-0062 Precinct Election Board	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00
<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>		
1191-33360-000-0270 Bituminous-Hwy Department	\$ 85,300.00	\$ 85,300.00
1191-30601-000-0100 Town of Corydon (I)	\$ 4,816.45	\$ 4,816.45
1191-30702-000-0100 Town of Crandall (I)	\$ 206.93	\$ 206.93
1191-30801-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (I)	\$ 306.53	\$ 306.53
1191-30901-000-0100 Town of Laconia (I)	\$ 113.13	\$ 113.13
1191-31002-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (I)	\$ 1,424.34	\$ 1,424.34
1191-31109-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (I)	\$ 68.65	\$ 68.65

1191-31207-000-0100 Town of Milltown (I)	\$ 1,201.94	\$ 1,201.94
1191-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (I)	\$ 23.21	\$ 23.21
1191-31408-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (I)	\$ 135.38	\$ 135.38
1191-31508-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (I)	\$ 1,373.09	\$ 1,373.09
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 94,969.65	\$ 94,969.65

COUNTY RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND

7303-30107-000-0100 Crawford County (RS)	\$ 110,510.24	\$ 110,510.24
7303-30204-000-0100 Washington County (RS)	\$ 27,627.56	\$ 27,627.56
7303-30301-000-0100 Floyd County (RS)	\$ 13,813.78	\$ 13,813.78
7303-30501-000-0100 Town of Georgetown (RS)	\$ 13,813.78	\$ 13,813.78
7303-30404-000-0100 City of New Albany (RS)	\$ 41,441.34	\$ 41,441.34
7303-30600-000-0100 Town of Corydon (RS)	\$ 20,641.93	\$ 20,641.93
7303-30701-000-0100 Town of Crandall (RS)	\$ 888.23	\$ 888.23
7303-30800-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth RS)	\$ 1,312.31	\$ 1,312.31
7303-30900-000-0100 Town of Laconia (RS)	\$ 483.48	\$ 483.48
7303-31001-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (RS)	\$ 6,105.69	\$ 6,105.69
7303-31108-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (RS)	\$ 294.24	\$ 294.24
7303-31206-000-0100 Town of Milltown (RS)	\$ 5,152.54	\$ 5,152.54
7303-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (RS)	\$ 98.08	\$ 98.08
7303-31407-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (RS)	\$ 581.56	\$ 581.56
7303-31507-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (RS)	\$ 5,883.29	\$ 5,883.29
TOTAL RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND	\$ 248,648.05	\$ 248,648.05

AUDITOR INELLIGIBLE DEDUCTION FUND

1216-39307-000-0002 Contractual Services-Other	\$ 1,471.90	\$ 1,471.90
1216-40204-000-0002 Capital Outlay-Auditor	\$ 7,984.43	\$ 7,984.43
TOTAL AUD. INELLIGIBLE HOMESTEAD FUND	\$ 9,456.33	\$ 9,456.33

PARK & RECREATION FUND

1219-30114-000-0803 Security Services	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 2,688.00
TOTAL PARK & RECREATION FUND	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 2,688.00

PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS FUND

2509-21302-000-0232 Medical Supplies	\$ 515.00	\$ 515.00
TOTAL PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS FUND	\$ 515.00	\$ 515.00

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2025

Chairman Hussung said the next order of business would be transfer of funds for the council's consideration. Councilman Nix made a motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$45,000.00 from capital outlays-EMS to emergency medical services in the local public health services fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Under other county business, councilwoman Castetter noted that county clerk Debbie Dennison no longer needs the council to consider giving a raise to her deputy. In light of that information, councilwoman Castetter made a motion to formally deny the request that had been tabled at a prior meeting. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Chairman Hussung requested permission to go before the county commissioners on behalf of the county council to begin initial discussions and show support for researching TIF districts and the formation of a redevelopment commission. Councilman Blackman made a motion to allow chairman Hussung to attend the next county commissioner meeting on April 21, 2025. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention. Chairman Hussung abstained.

Harrison County EMA director came before the council with an update on the emergency disaster declaration due to flooding, noting 33 homes were affected and highlighting the need for damage assessments. He suggested the possibility of the county providing dumpsters in the area for affected residents to dispose of damaged property. Mr. Kurz said more immediate funding remedies may be necessary, as traditional channels may take too long. County auditor Chad Shireman suggested transferring existing appropriations in the commissioners' budget to provide immediate funding, with an additional appropriation being needed later in the year.

Councilman Nix made a motion to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from telephone-communications to contractual services in the commissioner budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 54

WHEREAS, certain extraordinary emergencies have developed since the adoption of the existing annual budget, so that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the Annual Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, to meet such extraordinary emergencies:

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Harrison County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said Municipal Corporation the following items are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>		
1000-31600-000-0068 Contractual Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<u>LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND</u>		
1161-31126-000-0610 Emergency Medical Supplies	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
TOTAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00

Sec. 2. **WHEREAS**, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have un-obligated balances which will not be needed for the purpose for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced the following amounts:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>		
1000-32400-000-0068 Telephone-Communications	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<u>LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND</u>		
1161-41701-000-0610 Capital Outlays-EMS	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00

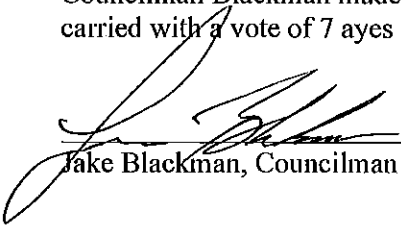
TOTAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND

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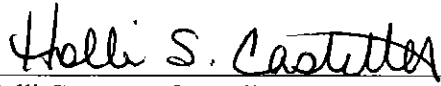
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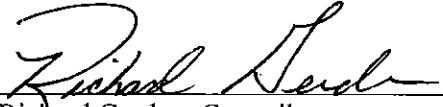
Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Councilman Nix seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

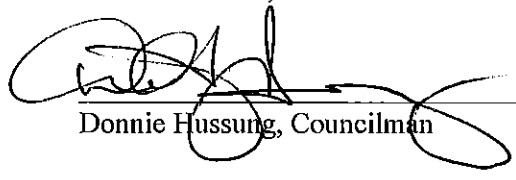


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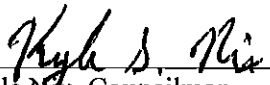


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ATTEST: 

Chad Shireman, County Auditor