

**Floyd County Council**  
**Minutes**  
**June 11, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Pineview Government Center**  
**Commissioners Meeting Room #104**

**Danny Short called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance***

**Roll Call – Full Quorum**

**Also Present-** Attorney, April Geltmaker; Auditor, Diana Topping and Sheriff, Steve Bush  
**Dale Bagshaw led the invocation.**

**Acceptance of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Approval of the Minutes** *5-14-24 Council Meeting Minutes*

*5-29-24 Council Special Meeting Minutes*

**Motion to approve both minutes. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Public**

**New Business**

**1. Director of Operations – Don Lopp (NB#1)**

**a. Request for Additional Appropriation**

*Fund: Local Road & Street*

*Fund Bal: \$343,835.26*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1169	000	4000	05	Misc Road Projects	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00

**Motion to approve 1a,b & c. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Request for New Line Item**

*4941-000-3000-01 Professional Services-County Courthouse*

**Motion to approve 1a,b & c. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Request for Additional Appropriation**

*Fund: Cumulative Capital Development Fund*

*Anticipated Revenue from Property Taxes for 2024 – over \$700,000.00*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
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4941	000	3000	01	Professional Services-County Courthouse	\$ 328,000.00	\$ 328,000.00
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Motion to approve 1a,b & c. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Floyd County WIC – Krista Comer (NB#2)**

- a. *Request to give raises to employees per the State Office recommendation to get the Coordinator and CPA closer to State average for those positions*

Krista Comer, Finance Coordinator, said the Coordinator is the lowest paid Coordinator in the State of Indiana. They are trying to get the salaries closer to the state average. The CPA salary is currently at \$23.26/hr. The state average is \$29.27/hr.

Motion to approve 2a & b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. *Request for Transfer*

*Fund: WIC*

*Line Balance: \$25,737.75*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
8103	000	1000-10	D	Registered Nurse PT	\$ 1,699.00
8103	000	1000-11	I	Coordinator/Dietician	\$ 926.00
8103	000	1000-23	I	Registered Dietician	\$ 773.00

Motion to approve 2a & b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Parks and Rec – Matt Denison (NB#3)**

- a. *Request for Additional Appropriation*

*Fund: Parks Non-Reverting*

*Fund Balance: \$569,379.18*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1179	000	3000	06	Contract Services	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

Motion to approve 3a. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Floyd County Clerk – Danita Burks(NB#4)**

- a. *Request for Additional Appropriation*

*Fund: County General-Clerk*

*Fund Balance: \$2,836,687.04*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000	001	1000	11	Jury Pay	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

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**Motion to approve 4a. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Floyd County Treasurer – Steve Burks (NB#5)**

*a. Request for Transfer*

*Fund: County General - Treasurer*

*Line Balance: \$12,146.95*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000	003	3000-03	D	Tax Statement & Printing	\$ 10,000.00
1000	003	2000-02	I	Office Supplies	\$ 10,000.00

**Motion to approve 5a. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Public Defender – Matt Lorch (NB#6)**

*a. Asking for approval to pay Deputy Public Defenders in compliance with the Indiana Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys*

Matt Lorch spoke on a letter received from the Indiana Public Defender Commission. He said the letter implies the County's 40% reimbursement could be denied if the salaries are not raised to be in compliance by September.

Denise Konkle asked if it would be feasible to send a letter back to say they will entertain the increases during the next budget cycle since we are mid-year budget.

Jim Freiberger asked where the funds will come from considering the other increases.

Mr. Lorch said it affects 11 current felony contracts, 10 are paid out of County General Fund and 1 in the Supplemental Fund. The new rate is \$74,430.00, old rate is \$60,000.00, making a difference of \$14,430.00 or \$1,202.50 monthly per contract.

His ask is \$60,125.00 additional appropriation for County General and \$6,012.50 additional appropriation for the Supplemental fund for the Felony Contracts.

Also for the 3 Misdemeanor contracts he is asking \$32,031.30. Consisting of current rate is \$40,000.00, new rate is \$65,625.00. The total ask is County General \$92,156.30 and Supplemental Fund \$6,012.50

**Motion to appropriate a total \$92,156.30 to be distributed in the fund and departments on the supplemental document adjusted for what Matt just gave us and fund 1200 for \$6,012.50. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed 6-1. Jim Freiberger opposed.**

**7. Floyd County Council (NB#7)**

*a. Floyd Co Ordinance 2024-05 May 14, 2024 Transfers*

**Motion to approve. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

*b. Hiring Form*

**Motion to approve 7b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.**

*c. Discussion on Budget cuts for Perf and Building Authority*

Danny Short said the Building Authority Committee met with Aaron Combs and others. He spoke to Commissioner Sharp and he would like for everyone put some skin in the game for the Building Authority for the rest of the year. He proposed the Commissioners put in \$100,000.00, Council pay \$100,000.00 and Building Authority put in \$50,000.00 for this year. Aaron Combs said Building Authority is not in a position to come up with \$50,000.00. They spent money for Project 2050 and have little in reserve for emergencies. If the County does not fund their budget they could be in breach of contract. The first ramification would be Building Authority turning over maintenance of the jail to the County.

Denise Konkle said she would like to pay the full amount this year and start looking at 2025 budget.

Jim Freiburger said another option would be the GO Bonds that the Commissioners backed out of paying to Council close to \$500,000.00.

The appropriation discussion for Building Authority will take place at the Joint meeting on July 25.

Denise Konkle said the PERF expense will occur since the Commissioners have not changed their policy.

*d. 2025 Budget Guidelines*

Jim Freiburger said he doesn't see how they cannot put a freeze on the budgets. They already know next year is forecasted a \$2.7 million deficit. He proposed a 2% COLA. He read some forecasts for next year anywhere from 2.3 to 2.5%

The instructions from the Council to Department Heads on preparing budgets is to add a 2% COLA to salaries and keep the rest of the budget flat.

*e. 2025 Budget Assignments*

**2025 Budget Review Assignments**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT HEAD</b>	<b>2025 Council Member Assigned</b>
<b>Circuit Court</b>	<i>Judge Brown</i>	Brad/Dale
<b>Superior Court 1</b>	<i>Judge Stiller</i>	Brad/Dale

<b>Magistrate</b>	<i>Judge Flanigan</i>	Brad/Dale
<b>Superior Court 3</b>	<i>Judge Granger</i>	Brad/Dale
<b>Superior Court 2</b>	<i>Judge Hancock</i>	Brad/Dale
<b>Soil &amp; Water</b>	<i>Angel Jackson</i>	Dale
<b>Clerk</b>	<i>Danita Burks</i>	Danny
<b>Veterans Service Office</b>	<i>Marti Snyder</i>	Tony
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Steve Burks</i>	Denise
<b>Recorder</b>	<i>Lois Endris</i>	Dale
<b>Sheriff</b>	<i>Steve Bush</i>	Denise/Connie
<b>Surveyor</b>	<i>John Brinkworth</i>	Tony
<b>Human Resources</b>	<i>Michelle Portwood</i>	Tony
<b>Prosecutor</b>	<i>Chris Lane</i>	Danny/Brad
<b>Operations</b>	<i>Don Lopp</i>	Connie/Jim
<b>GO365 Fund</b>	<i>Suzanna Worrall</i>	Connie/Jim
<b>Parks</b>	<i>Matt Denison</i>	Dale/Brad
<b>Probation</b>	<i>Kelly Deuser</i>	Denise/Danny
<b>Community Corrections</b>	<i>Daraius Randelia</i>	Connie/Danny
<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>	<i>Stephen Ingraham</i>	Tony
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<i>Kent Barrow</i>	Dale
<b>Co op Extension Service</b>	<i>Janet Steffens</i>	Dale
<b>Health Department</b>	<i>Charlotte Bass</i>	Connie/Denise
<b>Public Defender</b>	<i>Matthew Lorch</i>	Brad
<b>Youth Services</b>	<i>Leah Pezzarossi</i>	Denise
<b>Coroner</b>	<i>Greg Roution</i>	Tony/Danny
<b>County Council</b>	<i>County Council</i>	Denise
<b>Auditor</b>	<i>Diana Topping</i>	Danny
<b>Assessor</b>	<i>Terry Watson</i>	Connie/Dale

### Committee Reports

Tony Toran said the EMA Advisory Board met for their quarterly meeting. He said the Assistant Director, Jason Mauch is doing an excellent job. He's very involved instituting training.

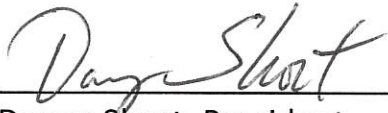
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Sheriff, Steve Bush said he does not like being put in the middle from the Sheriff's office standpoint in terms of whether they're going to have maintenance in the jail or not turn lights on or off. He is all for working with them concerning the maintenance and the options.

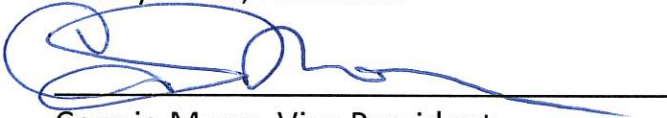
**Motion to adjourn. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

Signed the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024

**FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL**



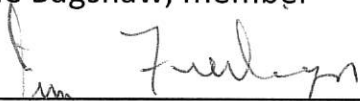
Danny Short, President



Connie Moon, Vice President



Dale Bagshaw, member




Jim Freiburger, member




Denise Konkle, member



Brad Striegel, member



Tony Toran, member

  
ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor