

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2026 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	Sara Burdick, County Auditor
	Jennie Capelle, Council Member	Chad Shireman, County Administrator
	Holli Castetter, Council Member	
	Richard Gerdon, Council Member	
	Joe Kellum, Council Member	
	Kyle Nix, Council Member	

Chairman Nix led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Nix called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with all seven members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Mike Summers present.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the council with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$42,000.00 for bituminous in the motor vehicle highway restricted fund. Mr. Russel said there was a transfer request to be considered later in the meeting, with this additional appropriation being requested for asphalt emulsion. The funding from the transfer request will be for the purchase of a used distributor truck from Knox County, which would allow the highway department to resume chip and seal work.

Mr. Russel also presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$29,909.55 for repairs-truck & tractor in the highway department budget in the county share of riverboat fund. He explained that this was to appropriate insurance money received for a foreman truck that had been rear-ended. This funding request will replenish the account that was used to make the necessary repairs.

County administrator Chad Shireman presented two additional appropriation requests related to the justice center renovation. The first was in the amount of \$220,000.00 for rent/lease in the cumulative capital development fund. This would cover the rent payments for the bank building where displaced employees will be working during the justice center renovations.

The second request was in the amount of \$19,465,000.00 from the justice center renovation bond fund. Mr. Shireman said the County should be receiving the bond monies prior to the council voting at their next meeting. The \$220,000.00 additional appropriation would allow rent payments to be made in the event that they are due prior to receiving the bond monies. Any costs incurred prior to the bond monies being received are eligible for reimbursement from the bond proceeds.

Chairman Nix read the remaining new additional appropriations to be voted on at the council's next meeting. Riverboat infrastructure additional appropriations totaled \$15,652.23 and riverboat revenue sharing totaled \$290,684.35.

Chairman Nix said that the next order of business was additional appropriations advertised to be voted on at tonight's meeting. Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,818.00 for equipment in the extension office budget in the county general 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 \$14,250.00 for equipment repair & maintenance in the EMA budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Brown 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 \$2,990.00 for contractual services-other in the animal control budget in the county general fund, and to deny the same request in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$197,206.00 for emergency medical services in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve additional appropriations as follows: \$12,000.00 for other supplies and \$3,365.00 for contractual services-other in the animal control budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilwoman Brown 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>		
1000-44200-000-0011 Equipment	\$ 10,142.00	\$ 2,818.00
1000-36100-000-0361 Equip. Repair & Maintenance	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 14,250.00
1000-39307-000-0626 Contractual Service	\$ 2,990.00	\$ 2,990.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 27,382.00	\$ 20,058.00
<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>		
1191-31126-000-0340 Emergency Medical Services	\$ 197,206.00	\$ 197,206.00
1191-21300-000-0626 Other Supplies- Animal Control	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
1191-39307-000-0626 Contractual Service	\$ 3,365.00	\$ 3,365.00
1191-39307-000-0626 Contractual Service	\$ 2,990.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 215,561.00	\$ 212,571.00

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL, 2026

Chairman Nix said the next order of business would be transfer of funds for the council's consideration. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$45.00 from office supplies to equipment in the assessor budget in the county general fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve transfer requests as follows: \$3,000.00 from travel, per diem & meals to equipment, \$3,000.00 from computer maintenance agreement to equipment, and

\$1,500.00 from postage to equipment in the extension office budget in the county general fund.
Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$42,000.00 from dust control to equipment in the highway department budget in the county share of riverboat fund.
Councilwoman Brown 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>		
1000-42100-000-0008 Equipment-Assessor	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
1000-44200-000-0011 Equipment-Purdue Extension	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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1000-44200-000-0011 Equipment-Purdue Extension	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 7,545.00	\$ 7,545.00

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

1191-44200-000-0270 Equipment-Highway Department	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00

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>		
1000-21100-000-0008 Office Supplies-Assessor	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
1000-32300-000-0011 Travel, Per Diem & Meals	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
1000-36500-000-0011 CPU Maintenance Agreement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
1000-22212-000-0011 Postage-Purdue Extension	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 7,545.00	\$ 7,545.00

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

1191-33354-000-0270 Dust Control-HWY Department	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL, 2026

Upon approval of the highway department transfer request, Kevin Russel approached the council with a resolution that is required for intercounty purchases and property transfers. Resolution 2026-06 would allow for the purchase of the used distributor truck from Knox County. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06 as presented. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Administrator Shireman presented two amended salary ordinances for the council's consideration. The first was in the amount of \$60,000.00 for deputy prosecutor in the problem-solving court. Mr. Shireman said this accompanies the new position approved at the February 23, 2026 council meeting. Since the employee started the new role on April 1, 2026, the annual salary will be prorated accordingly. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The next salary ordinance amendment was to adjust all patrol officer salaries to match the midpoint dollar amounts from a wage study conducted by Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates, Inc. As approved by the council at their prior meeting, the change would go into effect as of April 5, 2026. Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Chairman Nix said there were multiple monthly reports for the council to acknowledge and review. Councilman Gerdon made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the treasurer's report for the month of March. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

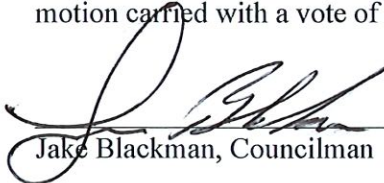
Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the clerk's report for the month of March. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the financial report by fund for the month of March. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the February 9, 2026 and February 23, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Administrator Shireman said there was a discrepancy with the dollar amount in the previously approved council attorney contract. The remaining budget balance for council attorney is \$16,098.26. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve the council attorney contract with the updated dollar figure. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

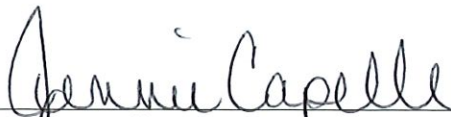
Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

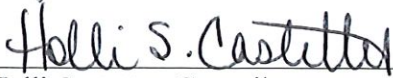


Jake Blackman, Councilman



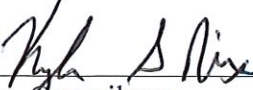
Sherry Brown, Councilwoman

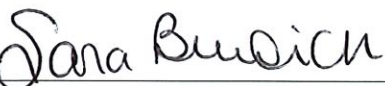

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ATTEST: 
Sara Burdick, County Auditor