

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, April 28, 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 all seven members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Mike Summers present.

EMA Director Mike Kurz updated the council on the success of the dumpster program for victims of the flooding that occurred on March 15th. Mr. Kurz said the decision to rent from existing businesses prevented the county from having to use highway department employees' time and resources, saving money and allowing quicker turnaround when compared to other counties in the area. He noted there was SBA assistance available at the Government Center for businesses that were impacted as well.

Mike Kurz also presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$2,500.00 for AV equipment improvements in the conference room at the Government Center. He said the plan included replacing the outdated projectors with a panel of four TVs and an upgrade of the PA system.

Highway department superintendent Glen Bube came before the council with two additional appropriation requests out of the local road & street fund. The first was in the amount of \$100,000.00 for part-truck & tractor. The second was in the amount of \$25,000.00 for parts-road equipment. Mr. Bube said the department has been maintaining equipment in-house, which has increased costs due to rising prices of parts, filters, and other components. He added that they are stocking up parts in preparation for the mowing season to ensure equipment is ready and stays operational.

County auditor Chad Shireman said the next additional appropriation request was in the amount of \$93,414.67 for building repair in the commissioner budget in the county share of riverboat fund. He said this was for repairs to various buildings that were damaged from hailstorms earlier in the year. An insurance check in this same amount had been receipted into the riverboat fund, so this request is to appropriate those monies to be used for repairs.

Chairman Hussung read additional appropriation requests for riverboat infrastructure and revenue sharing. He said infrastructure totals were in the amount of \$17,492.32 and revenue sharing totals were in the amount of \$449,802.52.

County auditor Chad Shireman covered an additional appropriation request for E911 dispatch in the amount of \$60,000.00 for equipment in the statewide 911 fund. Mr. Shireman said funding to upgrade the consoles in dispatch had been approved in 2024, but the appropriation had reverted at the end of the year.

He noted that the original cost of \$55,226.34 is likely to still be honored by the vendor, but he advertised the higher amount of \$60,000.00 to cover any increases.

Parks superintendent Larry Shickles came before the council to announce that park board president Teresa Sutton had resigned. Since this board member was an appointment of the county council, they would need to appoint a replacement, with the park board recommending Lori Miller-Clark. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to appoint Lori Miller-Clark to the park board for the remainder of Teresa Sutton's term. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Chairman Hussung said that the next order of business was additional appropriations for the council's consideration. Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,399.14 for equipment in the motor vehicle highway 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>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND</u>		
1176-44200-000-0533 Equipment	\$ 100,399.14	\$ 100,399.14
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 100,399.14	\$ 100,399.14

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL, 2025

Councilwoman Castetter made reference to a portion of the April 14, 2025 meeting minutes that were omitted in error. The council agreed to table the minutes until their next meeting so corrections could be made.

Chairman Hussung 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 in the amount of \$9,699.00 from telephone-communications to contractual services in the commissioner 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 transfers as follows: \$46,974.00 from administrator and \$9,738.00 from planner to director in the planning & zoning budget in the county general fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from planner to contractual services in the planning & zoning budget in the county general fund. Councilman Nix 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>
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
1000-31600-000-0068 Contractual Services	\$ 9,699.00	\$ 9,699.00
1000-11116-000-0079 Director-Planning & Zoning	\$ 46,794.00	\$ 46,794.00
1000-11116-000-0079 Director-Planning & Zoning	\$ 9,738.00	\$ 9,738.00
1000-31600-000-0079 Contractual Services	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 76,231.00	\$ 76,231.00

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:

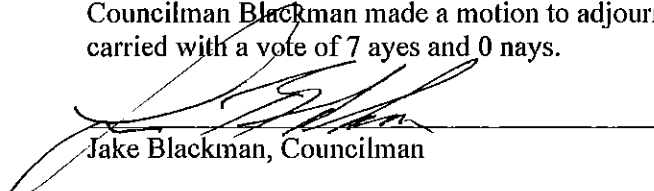
	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
1000-32400-000-0068 Telephone-Communications	\$ 9,699.00	\$ 9,699.00
1000-11000-000-0079 Administrator-Planning & Zoning	\$ 46,794.00	\$ 46,794.00
1000-11705-000-0079 Planner-Planning & Zoning	\$ 9,738.00	\$ 9,738.00
1000-11705-000-0079 Planner-Planning & Zoning	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 76,231.00	\$ 76,231.00

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The next order of business was an SRO MOU between the Harrison County Sheriff Department and the Lanesville Community School Corporation. The commissioners, school, and sheriff department have all approved and signed the document, with the council being the final remaining signatory. Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve the MOU and for chairman Hussung to sign on the council's behalf. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Chairman Hussung abstained.

Auditor Shireman presented an amended salary ordinance for the council's consideration. The request would reduce the amount for public defender deputy from \$97,500.00 to \$71,474.16. The new employee started on March 24, 2025 and the public defender office wanted to lower the pay until the case load justified the full pay, which should happen later in the year. Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve the salary amendment as requested. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.


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- Absent -
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Joe Kellum
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Chad Shireman, County Auditor