

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, December 22, 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 Tad Whitis, 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 7:06 p.m. with all seven members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Tad Whitis present.

The first order of business was public hearings pertaining to the two applications filed by Kelly Box and Packaging Corporation for real and personal property tax abatements for a proposed new facility in Corydon.

Christy Powell of RJL Solutions introduced Resolution 2025-10 setting fourth final action in determining that the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met and confirming Resolution 2025-07 regarding real property tax abatement for Kelly Box and Packaging Corporation.

Chairman Nix then opened the public hearing on Resolution 2025-10. Hearing no public comment, chairman Nix closed the public hearing and asked for a motion on Resolution 2025-10. Councilwoman Capelle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-10 as presented. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Christy Powell of RJL Solutions then introduced Resolution 2025-11 setting fourth final action in determining that the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met and confirming Resolution 2025-08 regarding personal property tax abatement for Kelly Box and Packaging Corporation.

Chairman Nix then opened the public hearing on Resolution 2025-11. Hearing no public comment, chairman Nix closed the public hearing and asked for a motion on Resolution 2025-11. Councilman Kellum made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-11 as presented. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

County administrator Chad Shireman presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$28,000.00 for proactive maintenance in the maintenance department budget in the county general fund. Mr. Shireman explained that \$28,388.73 would revert back to the fund at the end of the year and getting a new additional appropriation would be quicker than encumbering the funds.

EMA director Mike Kurz came before the council to provide further information concerning the maintenance department's \$28,000.00 additional appropriation request, which will be used for a dispatch center renovation. Mr. Kurz said new epoxy flooring and LED lights would be installed, along with fresh paint.

Additional appropriations requested from the CASA/Turner Family Trust fund are as follows: \$13,678.00 for director, \$11,537.00 for volunteer coordinator, \$1,929.00 for FICA, and \$3,581.00 for PERF. The County has received the grant monies, and the amounts were also included in the 2026 Harrison County salary ordinance.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the council with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$76,800.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund. Mr. Russel said the request is to fund the PE phase of the maintenance project on Bridge #55 on Lickford Bridge Road.

Kevin Russel also explained transfer requests the highway department had submitted pertaining to new equipment. He said transfer of surplus accounts totaling \$69,535.06 would be used in addition to trade-in credits to be received when the department trades in their oldest Kubota excavator for a new Bobcat excavator.

Chairman Nix said the next order of business would be transfer of funds for the council's consideration. Councilwoman Capelle made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$2,500.00 from assistant office manager to computer maintenance agreement in the extension office budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$132.63 from license agreement to office supplies in the election board budget in the county general fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve transfer requests as follows: \$8,000.00 from comprehensive business policy to fuel and \$9,000.00 from workers compensation to fuel in the sheriff department budget in the LIT public safety-county share fund Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve transfer requests as follows: \$19,831.55 from stone, gravel & aggregate district #1 to equipment, \$12,701.92 from stone, gravel & aggregate district #2 to equipment, and \$20,740.65 from highway projects district #1 to equipment, all in the highway department budget 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 a transfer request in the amount of \$155.00 from health insurance to miscellaneous services in the parks department budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$2,600.00 from part-time employees to overtime in the park & recreation fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$5,039.82 from health insurance to utilities in the park & recreation fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Capelle made a motion to approve transfer requests as follows: \$182.00 from health insurance to petting zoo supplies & medical, and \$203.00 from health insurance to miscellaneous services in the park & recreation fund. Councilman Blackman 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>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
1000-36500-000-0011 CPU Maintenance-Extension	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
1000-21100-000-0062 Office Supplies-Election Board	<u>\$ 132.63</u>	<u>\$ 132.63</u>
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,632.63	\$ 2,632.63

<u>LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE FUND</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
1170-22100-000-0005 Fuel-Sheriff Department	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
1170-22100-000-0005 Fuel-Sheriff Department	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
TOTAL LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE FUND	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00

<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
1191-44200-000-0270 Equipment-Highway Dept	\$ 19,831.55	\$ 19,831.55
1191-44200-000-0270 Equipment-Highway Dept	\$ 12,701.92	\$ 12,701.92
1191-44200-000-0270 Equipment-Highway Dept	\$ 20,740.65	\$ 20,740.65
1191-44200-000-0270 Equipment-Highway Dept	\$ 16,346.60	\$ 16,346.60
1191-39302-000-0803 Misc Services-Parks Department	<u>\$ 155.00</u>	<u>\$ 155.00</u>
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 69,775.72	\$ 69,775.72

<u>PARK & RECREATION FUND</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
1219-18100-000-0803 Overtime	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
1219-35101-000-0803 Utilities	\$ 5,039.82	\$ 5,039.82
1219-24203-000-0803 Petting Zoo Supplies & Medical	\$ 182.00	\$ 182.00
1219-39302-000-0803 Miscellaneous Services	<u>\$ 203.00</u>	<u>\$ 203.00</u>
TOTAL PARK & RECREATION FUND	\$ 8,024.82	\$ 8,024.82

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>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
1000-11203-000-0011 Assistant Office Manager	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
1000-36302-000-0062 License Agreement-Annual	<u>\$ 132.63</u>	<u>\$ 132.63</u>
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,632.63	\$ 2,632.63

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE FUND

1170-34201-000-0005 Comprehensive Business Policy	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
1170-34500-000-0005 Worker's Compensation	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
TOTAL LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE FUND	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

1191-23102-000-0270 Stone, Gravel & Agg. District 1	\$ 19,831.55	\$ 19,831.55
1191-23103-000-0270 Stone, Gravel & Agg. District 2	\$ 12,701.92	\$ 12,701.92
1191-33331-000-0270 Highway Projects District 1	\$ 20,740.65	\$ 20,740.65
1191-33333-000-0270 Highway Projects District 3	\$ 16,346.60	\$ 16,346.60
1191-12300-000-0803 Health Insurance	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 69,775.72	\$ 69,775.72

PARK & RECREATION FUND

1219-13300-000-0803 Part-Time Employees	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
1219-12300-000-0803 Health Insurance	\$ 5,039.82	\$ 5,039.82
1219-12300-000-0803 Health Insurance	\$ 182.00	\$ 182.00
1219-12300-000-0803 Health Insurance	\$ 203.00	\$ 203.00
TOTAL PARK & RECREATION FUND	\$ 8,024.82	\$ 8,024.82

ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

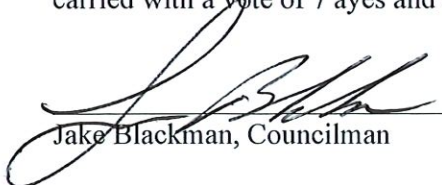
Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve the 2026 Harrison County salary ordinance as presented. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay. Councilwoman Castetter was opposed.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the 2025 and 2026 Harrison County Solid Waste District salary ordinances as presented. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The next action item was a letter to the Harrison County Community Foundation pertaining to the 2025 community fund grant request. The original grant request was in the amount of \$5,800,000.00 with \$4,809,757.80 being paid out thus far. The letter, already approved and signed by the county commissioners at their previous meeting, requested that the grant in question be closed. The remaining unpaid balance of \$990,242.20 would remain in the community fund as available spendable for future grant opportunities. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion for chairman Nix to sign the letter on the council's behalf. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the November county treasurer's monthly report. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.



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ATTEST: *Sara Burdick*

Sara Burdick, County Auditor