

## HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, January 26, 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            Sara Burdick, County Auditor  
                      Sherry Brown, Council Member  
                      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 six members of the Harrison County Council present. Councilwoman Jennie Capelle and county attorney, H. Lloyd Whitis were absent.

Councilman Nix mentioned new additional will be addressed in the next meeting. Due to inclement weather, the meeting is condensed, focusing on items advertised for voting at the last meeting.

Chairman Nix said that the first order of business was additional appropriations advertised to be voted on at tonight's meeting.

County engineer, Kevin Russel provides an update on the Cumulative Bridge Fund additional, Bridge #43, with a low bid of \$327,000. The bid is under the engineer's estimate, and 80% will be paid by Community Crossings, leaving a 20% share of \$65,400. A 10% contingency is added, totaling \$98,000, which is the amount to be approved tonight.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$98,000.00 for the construction project on Bridge #43 out of the Cumulative Bridge fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Kevin Russel discusses the rehabilitation of Bridge #37 on Turley Road and Bridge #75 on Crestview Avenue. The low bid for Bridge 37 is \$340,475, with a 10% contingency, totaling \$374,500. Bridge #75 is described, and the project will start after the school year ends, coinciding with a baseball sectional event.

Councilwoman Brown made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$374,500 for construction project on bridges #37 and #75. Councilwoman Castetter seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Kevin Russel mentions an additional request to be voted on at the next meeting due to time constraints. INDOT has invoiced \$74,686 for additional costs for the Bridge #5752 construction project. This item will be voted on at the next meeting.

Councilman Gerdon made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$62,154.00 for radio equipment and furniture for training improvements in E911 Dispatch. Councilwoman Brown seconded to motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Chairman Nix introduces a request from the Sheriff's Department for new vehicles, including five Dodge Durangos and one Dodge Ram 2500. The council discusses the need for new vehicles, with one Durango being replaced by insurance.

Councilman Blackman made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$256,000 for funding six (6) new sheriff vehicles including five (5) Dodge Durangos and one (1) 2026 Dodge Ram 2500. Councilwoman Castetter seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Next, Councilman Gerdon made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.00 for funding to upfit the six (6) new sheriff vehicles. Councilman Blackman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the BRS 5311 Transportation Grant that was omitted from the 2026 budget in error. Councilman Kellum seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Brown made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Harrison County Substance Abuse Coalition. This amount has been paid in the past. Councilman Gerdon seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Councilman Kellum).

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$16,620.39 to the Town of Corydon, \$722.62 to the Town of Crandall, \$1,031.44 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$429.25 to the Town of Laconia, \$4,511.78 to the Town of Lanesville, \$290.29 to the Town of Mauckport, \$2,275.96 to the Town of Milltown, \$148.23 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$500.28 to the Town of New Middletown and \$4,351.19 to the Town of Palmyra for infrastructure out of the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$264,697.99 to Crawford County, \$44,116.33 to Washington County, \$44,116.33 to Floyd County, \$22,058.17 to the Town of Georgetown, \$66,174.50 to the City of New Albany, \$48,360.32 to the Town of Corydon, \$6,304.22 to the Town of Crandall, \$7,204.20 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$5,439.54 to the Town of Laconia, \$17,412.72 to the Town of Lanesville, \$5,038.09 to the Town of Mauckport, \$15,383.37 to the Town of Milltown, \$4,618.98 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$5,646.89 to the Town of New Middletown and \$16,940.67 to the Town of Palmyra for riverboat revenue sharing out of the county riverboat ordinance 98-12 fund. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nay.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$23,500 to fund the Veterans' Treatment Court 2026 Fund to fund \$10,000 in Other Supplies, \$2,000 in miscellaneous supplies, \$1,500 Other Supplies- Veterans, \$7,500.00 in Other Int. &

Medical Supplies, \$2,500.00 in travel, per Diem, & Meals. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 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:

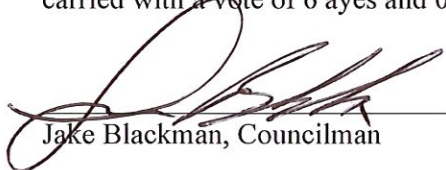
	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
<b><u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</u></b>		
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 98,000.00
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<b>TOTAL CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 800,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 472,500.00</b>
<b><u>LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE FUND</u></b>		
1170-44200-000-0321 Equipment-Dispatch	\$ 62,154.00	\$ 62,154.00
<b>TOTAL LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-CO. SHARE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 62,154.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,154.00</b>
<b><u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u></b>		
1191-44200-000-0210 Equipment-Riverboat Officers	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
1191-44300-000-0210 Vehicles-Riverboat Officers	\$ 256,000.00	\$ 256,000.00
1191-30211-000-0370 BRS 5311 Transportation Grant	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
1191-31119-000-0370 Community Drug Free	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
1191-30601-000-0100 Town of Corydon (I)	\$ 16,620.39	\$ 16,620.39
1191-30702-000-0100 Town of Crandall (I)	\$ 722.62	\$ 722.62
1191-30801-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (I)	\$ 1,031.44	\$ 1,031.44
1191-30901-000-0100 Town of Laconia (I)	\$ 429.25	\$ 429.25
1191-31002-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (I)	\$ 4,511.78	\$ 4,511.78
1191-31109-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (I)	\$ 290.29	\$ 290.29
1191-31207-000-0100 Town of Milltown (I)	\$ 2,275.96	\$ 2,275.96
1191-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (I)	\$ 148.23	\$ 148.23
1191-31408-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (I)	\$ 500.28	\$ 500.28
1191-31508-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (I)	<u>\$ 4,351.19</u>	<u>\$ 4,351.19</u>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 470,881.43</b>	<b>\$ 470,881.43</b>
<b><u>COUNTY RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND</u></b>		
7303-30107-000-0100 Crawford County (RS)	\$ 264,697.99	\$ 264,697.99
7303-30204-000-0100 Washington County (RS)	\$ 44,116.33	\$ 44,116.33
7303-30301-000-0100 Floyd County (RS)	\$ 44,116.33	\$ 44,116.33
7303-30501-000-0100 Town of Georgetown (RS)	\$ 22,058.17	\$ 22,058.17
7303-30404-000-0100 City of New Albany (RS)	\$ 66,174.50	\$ 66,174.50
7303-30600-000-0100 Town of Corydon (RS)	\$ 48,360.32	\$ 48,360.32
7303-30701-000-0100 Town of Crandall (RS)	\$ 6,304.22	\$ 6,304.22
7303-30800-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (RS)	\$ 7,204.20	\$ 7,204.20
7303-30900-000-0100 Town of Laconia (RS)	\$ 5,439.54	\$ 5,439.54
7303-31001-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (RS)	<u>\$ 17,412.72</u>	<u>\$ 17,412.72</u>

7303-31108-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (RS)	\$ 5,038.09	\$ 5,038.09
7303-31206-000-0100 Town of Milltown (RS)	\$ 15,383.37	\$ 15,383.37
7303-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (RS)	\$ 4,618.98	\$ 4,618.98
7303-31407-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (RS)	\$ 5,646.89	\$ 5,646.89
7303-31507-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (RS)	\$ 16,940.67	\$ 16,940.67
<b>TOTAL RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND</b>	<b>\$ 573,512.32</b>	<b>\$ 573,512.32</b>

**HARRISON COUNTY VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT 2026 FUND**

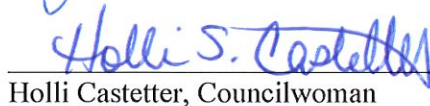
9138-21300-000-0201 Other Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
9138-21102-000-0201 Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
9138-21500-000-0201 Other Supplies-Veterans	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
9138-21601-000-0201 Other Int. & Medical Supplies	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
9138-32300-000-0201 Travel, Per Diem & Meals	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL HCO VET. TREATMENT CRT 2026 FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 23,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,500.00</b>

Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

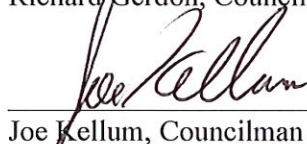
  
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ATTEST:   
 Sara Burdick, County Auditor