

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, June 8, 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 7:07 p.m. with all seven members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Mike Summers present.

Chairman Nix began the meeting by covering three additional appropriation requests being made by the county clerk. An employee in her office is retiring, and she has requested additional money to hire and train a replacement. The clerk has since asked that the additional appropriation requests be denied. The council will vote on the requests at their next meeting.

Kevin Russel came before the council with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$\$36,918.55 for county road special projects in the highway department budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Mr. Russel explained that this funding, along with transfer requests, would pay for design work with Prime AE. The designs are for various locations on Old Highway 337 and Shiloh Road. They will gather topographic imagery, utility locates and prepare cost estimates for commissioner review.

County resident Patricia Thompson came before the council to speak in favor of the studies. She described the damage to her house from multiple wrecks that have happened on her road. Guardrails have helped in the past, but relocating the curve in the road will likely be needed in order to completely address the issue.

Kevin Russel explained the timeline for the projects, including the need for right-of-way acquisition and the potential for local contractors and highway department personnel to handle some of the work. Mr. Russel also covered an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$261,600.00 from the community crossings grant 25/27 fund. C&R Construction is scheduled to begin Bridge 43 superstructure replacement around July 1st as planned.

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 \$839.72 for equipment repair & maintenance 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.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$128,337.00 for equipment in the motor vehicle highway fund and deny the request in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,200.00 for district 2 highway projects in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$7,023.88 to the Town of Corydon, \$305.39 to the Town of Crandall, \$435.89 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$181.41 to the Town of Laconia, \$1,906.70 to the Town of Lanesville, \$122.67 to the Town of Mauckport, \$961.84 to the Town of Milltown, \$62.64 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$211.43 to the Town of New Middletown and \$1,838.85 to the Town of Palmyra for infrastructure out of the county share of riverboat fund. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$111,863.12 to Crawford County, \$18,643.85 to Washington County, \$18,643.85 to Floyd County, \$9,321.91 to the Town of Georgetown, \$27,965.78 to the City of New Albany, \$20,437.39 to the Town of Corydon, \$2,664.20 to the Town of Crandall, \$3,044.54 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$2,298.80 to the Town of Laconia, \$7,358.73 to the Town of Lanesville, \$2,129.13 to the Town of Mauckport, \$6,501.11 to the Town of Milltown, \$1,952.01 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$2,386.42 to the Town of New Middletown and \$7,159.25 to the Town of Palmyra for riverboat revenue sharing out of the county riverboat ordinance 98-12 fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nay.

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>		
1000-36100-000-0011 Equip. Repair & Maintenance	\$ 839.72	\$ 839.72
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 839.72	\$ 839.72
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND</u>		
1176-44200-000-0533 Equipment	\$ 208,992.00	\$ 128,337.00
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 208,992.00	\$ 128,337.00
<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>		
1191-33332-000-0270 District 2 Highway Projects	\$ 30,200.00	\$ 30,200.00
1191-44200-000-0270 Equipment-Highway Department	\$ 208,992.00	\$ 0.00
1191-30601-000-0100 Town of Corydon (I)	\$ 7,023.88	\$ 7,023.88
1191-30702-000-0100 Town of Crandall (I)	\$ 305.39	\$ 305.39
1191-30801-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (I)	\$ 435.89	\$ 435.89
1191-30901-000-0100 Town of Laconia (I)	\$ 181.41	\$ 181.41
1191-31002-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (I)	\$ 1,906.70	\$ 1,906.70
1191-31109-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (I)	\$ 122.67	\$ 122.67
1191-31207-000-0100 Town of Milltown (I)	\$ 961.84	\$ 961.84
1191-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (I)	\$ 62.64	\$ 62.64
1191-31408-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (I)	\$ 211.43	\$ 211.43
1191-31508-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (I)	\$ 1,838.85	\$ 1,838.85

TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 252,242.70	\$ 43,250.70
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COUNTY RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND

7303-30107-000-0100 Crawford County (RS)	\$ 111,863.12	\$ 111,863.12
7303-30204-000-0100 Washington County (RS)	\$ 18,643.85	\$ 18,643.85
7303-30301-000-0100 Floyd County (RS)	\$ 18,643.85	\$ 18,643.85
7303-30501-000-0100 Town of Georgetown (RS)	\$ 9,321.91	\$ 9,321.91
7303-30404-000-0100 City of New Albany (RS)	\$ 27,965.78	\$ 27,965.78
7303-30600-000-0100 Town of Corydon (RS)	\$ 20,437.39	\$ 20,437.39
7303-30701-000-0100 Town of Crandall (RS)	\$ 2,664.20	\$ 2,664.20
7303-30800-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (RS)	\$ 3,044.54	\$ 3,044.54
7303-30900-000-0100 Town of Laconia (RS)	\$ 2,298.80	\$ 2,298.80
7303-31001-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (RS)	\$ 7,358.73	\$ 7,358.73
7303-31108-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (RS)	\$ 2,129.13	\$ 2,129.13
7303-31206-000-0100 Town of Milltown (RS)	\$ 6,501.11	\$ 6,501.11
7303-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (RS)	\$ 1,952.01	\$ 1,952.01
7303-31407-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (RS)	\$ 2,386.42	\$ 2,386.42
7303-31507-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (RS)	\$ 7,159.25	\$ 7,159.25
TOTAL RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND	\$ 242,370.09	\$ 242,370.09

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 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 \$42.00 from other supplies to liability insurance in the CASA 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: \$20,000.00 from bituminous to county road special projects and \$385,181.45 from Lanesville Connector Road to county road special projects 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.

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>		
1000-34108-000-0290 Liability Insurance	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

1191-31910-000-0270 County Road Special Projects	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
1191-31910-000-0270 County Road Special Projects	\$ 385,181.45	\$ 385,181.45
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 405,181.45	\$ 405,181.45

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>		
1000-21300-000-0290 Other Supplies-CASA	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

1191-33360-000-0270 Bituminous	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
1191-33501-000-0270 Lanesville Connector Road	\$ 385,181.45	\$ 385,181.45
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 405,181.45	\$ 405,181.45

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The next order of business was an amended salary ordinance request for the public defenders' office that was heard and taken under advisement at the previous council meeting. Councilwoman Capelle made a motion to amend the 2026 salary for deputy public defender to \$107,500.00. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The next order of business was new memorandums of understanding for school resource officers for the 26/27 school year. Council attorney Mike Summers had prepared new MOUs that stipulated that each school would reimburse the county for the costs of school resource officers at a flat rate of \$80,000.00 per officer. South Harrison Community Schools and North Harrison Community Schools would each have three county patrol officers serving as SROs and Lanesville Community Schools would have one. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to table the decision so further discussions could take place. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion failed with a vote of 3 ayes and 4 nays. Councilman Blackman, councilwoman Brown, councilman Gerdon, and councilman Nix were opposed.

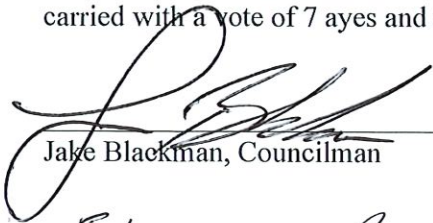
Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve the MOUs as presented. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 3 nays. Councilman Kellum, councilwoman Capelle, and councilwoman Castetter were opposed.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the auditor's financial report by fund for the month of May. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

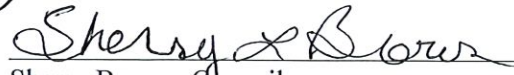
Councilman Kellum made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the clerk's report for the month of April. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the treasurer's report for the month of April. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.



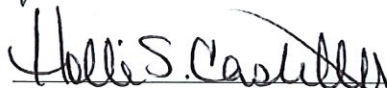
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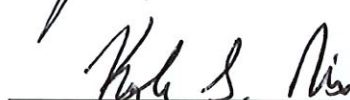
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ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor