

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, March 9, 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	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 7:03 p.m. with all seven members of the Harrison County Council and County Attorney Tad Whitis present.

The first order of business was communications from public and county officials. County administrator Chad Shireman presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$2,446.99 for contractual services in the clerk's records perpetuation fund. Mr. Shireman said this was for SQL server upgrades needed for APEX software.

Parks superintendent Larry Shickles came before the council with multiple additional appropriation requests. The first was in the amount of \$9,225.41 for capital outlays in the parks department budget in the county share of riverboat fund. The funding would be used to replace several outdated computers due to compatibility issues with the new version of Microsoft Windows. The computers in question are from 2014. The total cost includes six new laptops, docking stations, and a scanner that will be used to digitize historical documents.

The next request was in the amount of \$24,500.00 for capital outlays in the parks department budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Mr. Shickles said this would be to replace two property line fences at Hayswood Park due to state code requirements. The fences are located near agricultural fields and residential areas, with adjoining landowners needing to contribute as well. Larry noted that he would have a final cost for the removal and cleanup of existing fence, along with the construction of a new replacement at the next council meeting.

The final parks department additional appropriation request was in the amount of \$1,356.00 for promotions & events in the park & recreation fund. Mr. Shickles said the funds are needed to reimburse Main Street for operational costs associated with a previous Christmas event. The parks department collects the fees and reimburses the vendor.

Chairman Nix read the remaining new additional appropriations to be voted on at the council's next meeting. Riverboat infrastructure additional appropriations totaled \$10,662.72 and riverboat revenue sharing totaled \$198,021.96.

Chairman Nix said that the next order of business was additional appropriations advertised to be voted on at tonight's meeting. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$200,000.00 for contractual services in the commissioner budget in the cumulative courthouse fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Capelle made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$215,733.00 for capital outlays in the emergency medical services budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilwoman Castetter 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 \$5,056.25 for proactive maintenance in the government facilities plan fund. Councilman Blackman 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>CUMULATIVE COURTHOUSE FUND</u>		
1140-31600-000-0068 Contractual Services	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
TOTAL CUMULATIVE COURTHOUSE FUND	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>		
1191-41701-000-0340 Capital Outlays-EMS	\$ 215,733.00	\$ 215,733.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 215,733.00	\$ 215,733.00
<u>GOVERNMENT FACILITIES PLAN FUND</u>		
9105-40400-000-0000 Proactive Maintenance	\$ 5,056.25	\$ 5,056.25
TOTAL GOV'T FACILITIES PLAN FUND	\$ 5,056.25	\$ 5,056.25

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2026

Chairman Nix said the next order of business would be transfer of funds for the council's consideration. Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$711.00 from office supplies to contractual services-other in the circuit court clerk 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: \$600.00 from longevity to part time employees and \$728.00 from second deputies to part time employees in the auditor 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 \$68,949.52 from patrol officers to digital forensic examiner in the sheriff department budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$8,700.00 from other supplies to contractual services-other in the local road & street fund. Councilwoman Brown 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 \$50,128.00 from probation administrative assistant 2 to probation administrative assistant 3. 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>		
1000-39307-000-0001 Contractual Services-Other	\$ 711.00	\$ 711.00
1000-13300-000-0002 Part-Time Employees-Auditor	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
1000-13300-000-0002 Part-Time Employees-Auditor	\$ 728.00	\$ 728.00
1000-10103-000-0005 Digital Forensic Examiner	<u>\$ 68,949.52</u>	<u>\$ 68,949.52</u>
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 70,988.52	\$ 70,988.52
<u>LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND</u>		
1169-39307-000-0530 Contractual Services-Other	<u>\$ 8,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,700.00</u>
TOTAL LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,700.00
<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>		
1191-12601-000-0201 Probation Admin. Asst. 3	<u>\$ 50,128.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,128.00</u>
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 50,128.00	\$ 50,128.00

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>		
1000-21100-000-0001 Office Supplies-Clerk	\$ 711.00	\$ 711.00
1000-12400-000-0002 Longevity-Auditor	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
1000-11800-000-0002 Second Deputies-Auditor	\$ 728.00	\$ 728.00
1000-11305-000-0005 Patrol Officers-Sheriff Dept.	<u>\$ 68,949.52</u>	<u>\$ 68,949.52</u>
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 70,988.52	\$ 70,988.52
<u>LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND</u>		
1169-21300-000-0530 Other Supplies	<u>\$ 8,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,700.00</u>
TOTAL LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,700.00

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

1191-12502-000-0201 Probation Admin. Asst. 2	\$ 50,128.00	\$ 50,128.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 50,128.00	\$ 50,128.00

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2026

County auditor Sara Burdick presented three amended salary ordinances for the council's consideration. The first was for the highway superintendent in the motor vehicle highway fund. This sets the amount at \$35,245.76 to cover the six-month period of the current superintendent training his replacement prior to retirement.

The next salary ordinance amendment changed a sheriff department employee from being a patrol officer part of the year and a school resource officer part of the year to strictly being a patrol officer to be paid at the six-year pay tier. The change is being made in the sheriff department budget in the county general fund.

The last salary ordinance amendment was for a part-time position in the clerk's records perpetuation fund, establishing a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour. Auditor Burdick said the clerk had requested the position in her 2026 budget, but it was omitted from the salary ordinance.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve all three amended salary ordinances as presented. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

County administrator Chad Shireman announced that there had been a change in advertising requirements for additional appropriations that took effect on January 1, 2026. As a result, the additional appropriations approved at the first four council meetings were re-advertised and would need to be voted on again. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve those additional appropriation requests in the same manner they were acted upon during the original meetings. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A list of those additional appropriations are reflected in the ordinance below.

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
1000-36100-000-0001 Equip. Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,231.46	\$ 0.00
1000-39307-000-0001 Contractual Services-Clerk	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 2,060.00
1000-40400-000-0160 Proactive Maintenance	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 31,291.46	\$ 30,060.00
 CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND		
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 76,800.00	\$ 76,800.00

1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 98,000.00
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 374,500.00
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 74,686.00	\$ 74,686.00
TOTAL CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND	\$ 951,486.00	\$ 623,986.00

LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND

1169-22211-000-0530 Salt	\$ 95,856.00	\$ 95,856.00
TOTAL LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND	\$ 95,856.00	\$ 95,856.00

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE FUND

1170-44200-000-0321 Equipment-Dispatch	\$ 62,154.00	\$ 62,154.00
TOTAL LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-CO. SHARE FUND	\$ 62,154.00	\$ 62,154.00

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND

1176-39307-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 34,327.44	\$ 34,327.44
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 34,327.44	\$ 34,327.44

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

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)	\$ 21,646.34	\$ 21,646.34
1191-30702-000-0100 Town of Crandall (I)	\$ 941.14	\$ 941.14
1191-30801-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (I)	\$ 1,343.34	\$ 1,343.34
1191-30901-000-0100 Town of Laconia (I)	\$ 559.05	\$ 559.05
1191-31002-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (I)	\$ 5,876.13	\$ 5,876.13
1191-31109-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (I)	\$ 378.07	\$ 378.07
1191-31207-000-0100 Town of Milltown (I)	\$ 2,964.20	\$ 2,964.20
1191-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (I)	\$ 193.06	\$ 193.06
1191-31408-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (I)	\$ 651.56	\$ 651.56
1191-31508-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (I)	\$ 5,666.98	\$ 5,666.98
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 480,219.87	\$ 480,219.87

COUNTY RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND

7303-30107-000-0100 Crawford County (RS)	\$ 344,741.76	\$ 344,741.76
7303-30204-000-0100 Washington County (RS)	\$ 57,456.96	\$ 57,456.96
7303-30301-000-0100 Floyd County (RS)	\$ 57,456.96	\$ 57,456.96
7303-30501-000-0100 Town of Georgetown (RS)	\$ 28,728.48	\$ 28,728.48
7303-30404-000-0100 City of New Albany (RS)	\$ 86,185.44	\$ 86,185.44
7303-30600-000-0100 Town of Corydon (RS)	\$ 62,984.32	\$ 62,984.32
7303-30701-000-0100 Town of Crandall (RS)	\$ 8,210.60	\$ 8,210.60
7303-30800-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth RS)	\$ 9,382.72	\$ 9,382.72
7303-30900-000-0100 Town of Laconia (RS)	\$ 7,084.44	\$ 7,084.44
7303-31001-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (RS)	\$ 22,678.26	\$ 22,678.26
7303-31108-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (RS)	\$ 6,561.59	\$ 6,561.59
7303-31206-000-0100 Town of Milltown (RS)	\$ 20,035.25	\$ 20,035.25
7303-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (RS)	\$ 6,015.74	\$ 6,015.74
7303-31407-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (RS)	\$ 7,354.49	\$ 7,354.49
7303-31507-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (RS)	\$ 22,063.47	\$ 22,063.47
TOTAL RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND	\$ 746,940.48	\$ 746,940.48

VETERAN'S COURT 2026 FUND

9133-11311-000-0201 Probation Officer 1	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
9133-11517-000-0201 Probation Officer 4	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
9133-12100-000-0201 FICA	\$ 1,147.50	\$ 1,147.50
9133-12200-000-0201 PERF	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 2,130.00
9133-21102-000-0201 Misc Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
9133-21601-000-0201 Other Int & Med Supplies	\$ 13,100.50	\$ 13,100.50
9133-31600-000-0201 Contractual Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL VETERAN'S COURT 2026 FUND	\$ 33,378.00	\$ 33,378.00

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
9138-216010-000-0201 Other Int. & Medical Supplies	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
9138-32300-000-0201 Travel, Per Diem & Meals	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL HCO VET. TREATMENT CRT 2026 FUNDS	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00

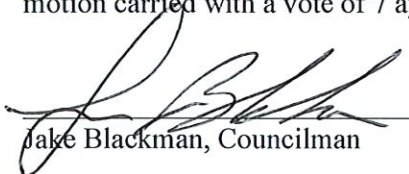
CASA/TURNER FAMILY FUND

9142-11116-000-0290 Director	\$ 13,678.00	\$ 13,678.00
9142-11214-000-0290 Volunteer Coordinator	\$ 11,537.00	\$ 11,537.00
9142-12100-000-0290 FICA-CASA	\$ 1,929.00	\$ 1,929.00
9142-12200-000-0290 PERF-CASA	\$ 3,581.00	\$ 3,581.00
TOTAL CASA/TURNER FAMILY FUND	\$ 30,725.00	\$ 30,725.00

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2026

Chairman Nix spoke about previous council attorney Mike Summers, noting that he had a few setbacks and complications, but he still hopes to return. In the meantime, current council attorney Tad Whitis agreed to continue to provide legal counsel under a more flexible contract for as long as needed. The council will revisit the discussion at their next meeting.

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



Jake Blackman, Councilman



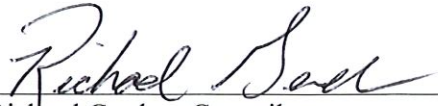
Sherry Brown, Councilwoman



Jennie Capelle, Councilwoman



Holli Castetter, Councilwoman


Richard Gerdon, Councilman

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Joe Kellum, Councilman


Kyle Nix, Councilman

ATTEST: 
Sara Burdick, County Auditor