

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, May 11, 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	Chad Shireman, County Administrator
	Jennie Capelle, Council Member	
	Holli Castetter, Council Member	
	Richard Gerdon, Council Member	
	Kyle Nix, Council Member	

Chairman Nix led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Nix called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with six members of the Harrison County Council present. Councilman Joe Kellum and council attorney Mike Summers were absent.

Harrison County Community Foundation president and CEO Julie Moorman came before the council to announce the community foundation's 30th anniversary, highlighting its impact with over \$142 million awarded in grants, scholarships, and community investments.

Mrs. Moorman also provided an update on the new Boys and Girls Club in Palmyra. The foundation secured a \$4.49 million grant from the Lilly Endowment and committed up to \$3 million toward the new site, which will be over 20,000 square feet with various facilities. Construction is under way, and the foundation is fundraising for furniture, equipment, and supplies to fully staff and furnish the club.

Harrison County Community Foundation CFO Derrick Grigsby came before the council to provide the quarterly investment report. Mr. Grigsby noted the community fund received \$1,503,650.00 from casino transfers and had a quarterly performance of approximately 1.72%. The community fund had an ending balance of \$214,448,006.35 as of March 31st, with an available spendable portion of \$49,252,009.21. The community fund is currently positive 9.96% since January 1st and up 8.85% year-over-year, providing a good return and room for growth to offset inflation.

County administrator Chad Shireman presented new additional appropriation requests to be voted on at the next council meeting. He said the requests being made from the superior court user fees fund were as follows: \$5,000.00 for probation officer 1, \$5,000.00 for probation officer 3, \$5,000.00 for probation officer 2, \$1,531.00 for FICA, \$5,000.00 for chief probation officer, and \$2,841.00 for PERF for a total of \$24,372.00. These requests were to get the budgeted appropriation amounts in line with the salary ordinance. The State of Indiana froze salaries for 2026, but the council approved allowing probation officers to be paid an additional \$5,000.00 each using local funds for the calendar year.

Chairman Nix said that the next order of business was additional appropriations advertised to be voted on at tonight's meeting. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to deny an additional appropriation in the amount of \$220,000.00 for rent/lease in the cumulative capital development fund. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Capelle made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$42,000.00 for bituminous in the motor vehicle highway restricted fund. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

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Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$19,465,000.00 for contractual services-other in the justice center renovation bond fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$29,909.55 for repairs-truck & tractor in the highway department budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$8,424.03 to the Town of Corydon, \$366.26 to the Town of Crandall, \$522.80 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$217.57 to the Town of Laconia, \$2,286.79 to the Town of Lanesville, \$147.13 to the Town of Mauckport, \$1,153.57 to the Town of Milltown, \$75.13 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$253.56 to the Town of New Middletown and \$2,205.39 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 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$134,162.01 to Crawford County, \$22,360.33 to Washington County, \$22,360.33 to Floyd County, \$11,180.18 to the Town of Georgetown, \$33,540.50 to the City of New Albany, \$24,511.40 to the Town of Corydon, \$3,195.29 to the Town of Crandall, \$3,651.44 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$2,757.03 to the Town of Laconia, \$8,825.62 to the Town of Lanesville, \$2,553.55 to the Town of Mauckport, \$7,797.05 to the Town of Milltown, \$2,341.13 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$2,862.12 to the Town of New Middletown and \$8,586.37 to the Town of Palmyra for riverboat revenue sharing out of the county riverboat ordinance 98-12 fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 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>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</u>		
1138-37403-000-0000 Rent/Lease	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
TOTAL CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEV. FUND	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY-RESTRICTED FUND</u>		
1173-33360-000-0530 Bituminous	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
TOTAL MOTOR VEH. HWY-RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
<u>JUSTICE CENTER RENOVATION BOND FUND</u>		
4802-39307-000-0000 Contractual Services-Other	\$19,465,000.00	\$19,465,000.00
TOTAL JUSTICE CENTER RENO. BOND FUND	\$19,465,000.00	\$19,465,000.00

COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND

1191-36209-000-0270 Repairs-Truck & Tractor	\$ 29,909.55	\$ 29,909.55
1191-42100-000-0803 Capital Outlays-Parks Dept	\$ 24,500.00	\$ Tabled
1191-30601-000-0100 Town of Corydon (I)	\$ 8,424.03	\$ 8,424.03
1191-30702-000-0100 Town of Crandall (I)	\$ 366.26	\$ 366.26
1191-30801-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (I)	\$ 522.80	\$ 522.80
1191-30901-000-0100 Town of Laconia (I)	\$ 217.57	\$ 217.57
1191-31002-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (I)	\$ 2,286.79	\$ 2,286.79
1191-31109-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (I)	\$ 147.13	\$ 147.13
1191-31207-000-0100 Town of Milltown (I)	\$ 1,153.57	\$ 1,153.57
1191-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (I)	\$ 75.13	\$ 75.13
1191-31408-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (I)	\$ 253.56	\$ 253.56
1191-31508-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (I)	\$ 2,205.39	\$ 2,205.39
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 70,061.78	\$ 45,561.78

COUNTY RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND

7303-30107-000-0100 Crawford County (RS)	\$ 134,162.01	\$ 134,162.01
7303-30204-000-0100 Washington County (RS)	\$ 22,360.33	\$ 22,360.33
7303-30301-000-0100 Floyd County (RS)	\$ 22,360.33	\$ 22,360.33
7303-30501-000-0100 Town of Georgetown (RS)	\$ 11,180.18	\$ 11,180.18
7303-30404-000-0100 City of New Albany (RS)	\$ 33,540.50	\$ 33,540.50
7303-30600-000-0100 Town of Corydon (RS)	\$ 24,511.40	\$ 24,511.40
7303-30701-000-0100 Town of Crandall (RS)	\$ 3,195.29	\$ 3,195.29
7303-30800-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth RS)	\$ 3,651.44	\$ 3,651.44
7303-30900-000-0100 Town of Laconia (RS)	\$ 2,757.03	\$ 2,757.03
7303-31001-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (RS)	\$ 8,825.62	\$ 8,825.62
7303-31108-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (RS)	\$ 2,553.55	\$ 2,553.55
7303-31206-000-0100 Town of Milltown (RS)	\$ 7,797.05	\$ 7,797.05
7303-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (RS)	\$ 2,341.13	\$ 2,341.13
7303-31407-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (RS)	\$ 2,862.12	\$ 2,862.12
7303-31507-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (RS)	\$ 8,586.37	\$ 8,586.37
TOTAL RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND	\$ 290,684.35	\$ 290,684.35

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 2026

Chairman Nix said the next order of business would be transfer of funds for the council's consideration. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$3,500.00 from soldier burial to contractual services in the commissioner budget in the county general fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$2,968.90 from building repair & maintenance to proactive maintenance in the maintenance department budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 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>		
1000-31600-000-0068 Contractual Services	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
1000-40400-000-0160 Proactive Maintenance	\$ 2,968.90	\$ 2,968.90
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 6,468.90	\$ 6,468.90

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>		
1000-39201-000-0068 Soldier Burial	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
1000-36205-000-0160 Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,968.90	\$ 2,968.90
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 6,468.90	\$ 6,468.90

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Councilman Blackman made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the auditor's financial report by fund for the month of April. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

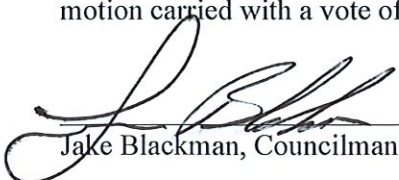
Councilwoman Capelle made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026 council meeting minutes as submitted. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Councilwoman Castetter abstained.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026 council meeting minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026 council meeting minutes as corrected. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

County resident Jonni Schmidt came before the council to raise questions about the timber being cut in South Harrison Park. Councilman Nix explained the structure and operations of the county parks department and park board, including their executive role and budgetary processes. Upon receiving this information, Ms. Schmidt said she would try to attend an upcoming park board meeting.

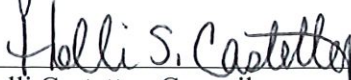
Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Councilwoman Capelle seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

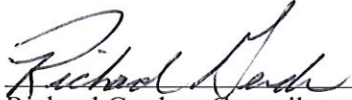


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ATTEST: 
Sara Burdick, County Auditor