

## HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, May 12, 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	Mike Summers, Council Attorney
	Holli Castetter, Council Member	Chad Shireman, County Auditor
	Richard Gerdon, Council Member	
	Donnie Hussung, Council Member	
	Kyle Nix, Council Member	

Chairman Hussung led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Hussung called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with five members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Mike Summers present. Councilwoman Brown and councilman Kellum were absent.

Julie Moorman of the Harrison County Community Foundation came before the council to provide a quarterly update. She announced that they had received an award from the American Planning Association for the Town Planning Initiative, which updated the comprehensive plan for all ten incorporated towns in Harrison County.

Harrison County Community Foundation CFO Derrick Grigsby presented the quarterly investments update. Mr. Grigsby said the Community Fund had a quarterly return of approximately 0.02% and had a current spendable amount of \$43,856,525.75. He also stated the COVID-19 recovery loan program funded by the County, Community Foundation, and Chamber of Commerce had now ended with all repayments being made.

County coroner Jeremy McKim came before the council on behalf of the JRAC Board with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$96,033.72 out of the opioid restricted fund. He said the three funding proposals approved by the JRAC Board were as follows: \$68,000.00 to the Harrison County Youth Advocacy Center for their family support specialist, \$4,800.00 to Giving Recovery A Chance Everyday to cover entrance fees of ten men entering the recovery program, and \$23,233.72 to the Harrison County EMS for the purchase of twelve OneScope Pro video laryngoscopes.

County sheriff Nick Smith came before the council with two additional appropriation requests. The first was in the amount of \$10,850.00 to fund a new eGIS contract for dispatch. The contract is for ESRI software maintenance and would be for a three-year period. Sheriff Smith noted the significant cost savings in comparison to the vendor that had been used previously. The next request was in the amount of \$12,846.36 to cover a one-year contract with Volta, who provides maintenance of the Dell servers used in dispatch. Both additional appropriation requests were made from the LIT public safety-county share fund.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the council with three additional appropriation requests. The first was in the amount of \$7,500.00 to prepare a scope of work and cost estimate for a federal aid funding application expected to be submitted this fall for the rehabilitation of Bridge #81 on Tunnel Hill Road. The next request was in the amount of \$135,100.00 for the PE phase of a hydro-demolition and concrete overlay project on Bridge #37 on Turley Road and Bridge #75 on Crestview Avenue. The final request was in the amount of \$396,005.00 for the next four-year cycle of county bridge inspections. Mr. Russel

noted that 80% of this would be reimbursed with federal funds from INDOT. All requests were made out of the cumulative bridge fund.

County auditor Chad Shireman covered the remaining additional appropriation requests. The first was in the amount of \$2,767.61 in the jail budget of the LIT public safety-county share fund. Mr. Shireman explained that this was to re-appropriate funding that had reverted at the end of 2024. The next request was in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from the community crossings grant 25/27 fund. He noted that \$1,500,000.00 had been received from the state and the \$500,000.00 local match had been moved to the fund. The request was to appropriate all of the monies for expenditures.

Chairman Hussung said that the next order of business was additional appropriations for the council's consideration. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for equipment in the EMA budget in the county general fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for parts-truck & tractor in the local road & street fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00 for part-road equipment in the local road & street fund. Councilman Nix seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$93,414.67 for building repair in the commissioner budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Nix seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Nix made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,712.91 to the Town of Corydon, \$374.34 to the Town of Crandall, \$554.51 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$204.66 to the Town of Laconia, \$2,576.62 to the Town of Lanesville, \$124.20 to the Town of Mauckport, \$2,174.30 to the Town of Milltown, \$41.98 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$244.89 to the Town of New Middletown and \$2,483.91 to the Town of Palmyra for infrastructure out of the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Nix made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$199,912.67 to Crawford County, \$49,978.06 to Washington County, \$24,989.03 to Floyd County, \$24,989.03 to the Town of Georgetown, \$74,967.09 to the City of New Albany, \$37,341.10 to the Town of Corydon, \$1,606.79 to the Town of Crandall, \$2,373.96 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$874.62 to the Town of Laconia, \$11,045.15 to the Town of Lanesville, \$532.26 to the Town of Mauckport, \$9,320.91 to the Town of Milltown, \$177.42 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$1,052.04 to the Town of New Middletown and \$10,642.83 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 5 ayes and 0 nay.

Councilman Nix made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000.00 for equipment in the dispatch budget in the statewide 911 fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 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>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u></b>		
1000-44200-000-361 Equipment-EMA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b><u>LOCAL ROAD &amp; STREET FUND</u></b>		
1169-24201-000-0530 Parts-Truck & Tractor	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
1169-24300-000-0530 Parts-Road Equipment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
<b>TOTAL LOCAL ROAD &amp; STREET FUND</b>	<b>\$ 125,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 125,000.00</b>
<b><u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u></b>		
1191-36000-000-0068 Building Repair-Commissioners	\$ 93,414.67	\$ 93,414.67
1191-30601-000-0100 Town of Corydon (I)	\$ 8,712.91	\$ 8,712.91
1191-30702-000-0100 Town of Crandall (I)	\$ 374.34	\$ 374.34
1191-30801-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (I)	\$ 554.51	\$ 554.51
1191-30901-000-0100 Town of Laconia (I)	\$ 204.66	\$ 204.66
1191-31002-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (I)	\$ 2,576.62	\$ 2,576.62
1191-31109-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (I)	\$ 124.20	\$ 124.20
1191-31207-000-0100 Town of Milltown (I)	\$ 2,174.30	\$ 2,174.30
1191-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (I)	\$ 41.98	\$ 41.98
1191-31408-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (I)	\$ 244.89	\$ 244.89
1191-31508-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (I)	\$ 2,483.91	\$ 2,483.91
<b>TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 110,906.99</b>	<b>\$ 110,906.99</b>
<b><u>COUNTY RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND</u></b>		
7303-30107-000-0100 Crawford County (RS)	\$ 199,912.23	\$ 199,912.23
7303-30204-000-0100 Washington County (RS)	\$ 49,978.06	\$ 49,978.06
7303-30301-000-0100 Floyd County (RS)	\$ 24,989.03	\$ 24,989.03
7303-30501-000-0100 Town of Georgetown (RS)	\$ 24,989.03	\$ 24,989.03
7303-30404-000-0100 City of New Albany (RS)	\$ 74,967.09	\$ 74,967.09
7303-30600-000-0100 Town of Corydon (RS)	\$ 37,341.10	\$ 37,341.10
7303-30701-000-0100 Town of Crandall (RS)	\$ 1,606.79	\$ 1,606.79
7303-30800-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth RS)	\$ 2,373.96	\$ 2,373.96
7303-30900-000-0100 Town of Laconia (RS)	\$ 874.62	\$ 874.62
7303-31001-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (RS)	\$ 11,045.15	\$ 11,045.15
7303-31108-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (RS)	\$ 532.26	\$ 532.26
7303-31206-000-0100 Town of Milltown (RS)	\$ 9,320.91	\$ 9,320.91
7303-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (RS)	\$ 177.42	\$ 177.42
7303-31407-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (RS)	\$ 1,052.04	\$ 1,052.04
7303-31507-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (RS)	\$ 10,642.83	\$ 10,642.83
<b>TOTAL RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND</b>	<b>\$ 449,802.52</b>	<b>\$ 449,802.52</b>
<b><u>STATEWIDE 911 FUND</u></b>		
1222-44200-000-0321 Equipment-Dispatch	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<b>TOTAL STATEWIDE 911 FUND</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>

**ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025**

Under other county business, councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025 council minutes as corrected. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to table the April 28, 2025 council minutes until the next meeting. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Auditor Shireman presented a memorandum of understanding with North Harrison School Corporation for school resource officers. Councilman Blackman made a motion to allow chairman Hussung to sign the MOU. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Chairman Hussung said the next order of business would be transfer of funds for the council's consideration. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve transfer requests as follows: \$167.72 from office supplies and \$310.91 from equipment repair & maintenance to equipment in the circuit court clerk budget in the county general fund. Councilman Nix seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$2,000.00 from telephone-communications to contractual services in the commissioner budget in the county general fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention. Councilman Nix abstained.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$9,800.00 contractual services-other to maintenance service contracts in the maintenance department budget in the county general fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to table a transfer request in the amount of \$15,000.00 from utilities to equipment in the commissioner budget in the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Nix seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 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>
<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u></b>		
1000-44200-000-0001 Equipment-Clerk	\$ 167.72	\$ 167.72
1000-44200-000-0001 Equipment-Clerk	\$ 310.91	\$ 310.91
1000-31600-000-0068 Contractual Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
1000-32100-000-0160 Maintenance Service Contracts	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,800.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 12,278.63</b>	<b>\$ 12,278.63</b>

**COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND**

1191-44200-000-0068 Equipment-Commissioners	\$	15,000.00	<u>TABLED</u>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>TABLED</b>

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>
<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u></b>		
1000-21100-000-0001 Office Supplies	\$ 167.72	\$ 167.72
1000-36100-000-0001 Equip. Repair & Maintenance	\$ 310.91	\$ 310.91
1000-32400-000-0068 Telephone-Communications	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
1000-39307-000-0160 Contractual Services-Other	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,800.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 12,278.63</b>	<b>\$ 12,278.63</b>

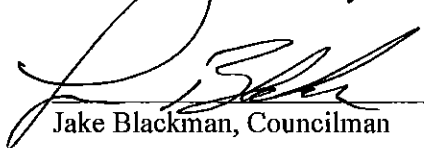
**COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND**

1191-35101-000-0068 Utilities-Commissioners	\$	15,000.00	<u>TABLED</u>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>TABLED</b>

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Commissioner Stepro brought up the topic of getting prices for more county trucks for the highway department to help maintain the fleet. County engineer Kevin Russel said the beds the department is getting are more durable than those in the past, so he felt that they could get bids for the chassis and reuse existing beds to help lower costs. The council agreed to get new prices and revisit the request in future meetings.

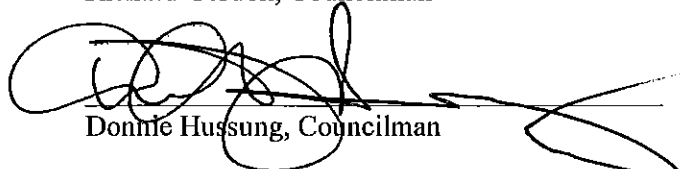
Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.


  
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Jake Blackman, Councilman

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Sherry Brown, Councilwoman


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Holli Castetter, Councilwoman

  
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Richard Gerdon, Councilman

  
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Donnie Hussung, Councilman

  
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Joe Kellum, Councilman

*- Absent -*  
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Kyle Nix, Councilman

ATTEST:   
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Chad Shireman, County Auditor