

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, May 27, 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
	Sherry Brown, Council Member	Stacy Cooper, Chief Deputy Auditor
	Holli Castetter, Council Member	
	Richard Gerdon, Council Member	
	Donnie Hussung, Council Member	
	Joe Kellum, Council Member	

Chairman Hussung led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Hussung called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with six members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Mike Summers present. Councilman Nix was absent.

Darrell Voelker of the Harrison County Economic Development Corporation came before the council to announce his retirement, effective Friday. He also introduced Jonathan Blake of RJL Solutions, who the EDC is contracting with to manage the corporation. Mr. Blake outlined the services provided by RJL Solutions, including strategic planning and executive selection. He also noted Rahcel Leslie and Ryan Ritchie as RJL members who would serve as key contacts for the partnership.

County engineer Kevin Russel came before the council with multiple additional appropriation requests for the council's consideration. The first request was in the amount of \$260,000.00 for contractual services out of the cumulative bridge fund. Mr. Russel said this would be to cover the costs of 16 bridge deck polymer overlays scheduled for completion per the annual bid this summer.

Mr. Russel said the next request was in the amount of \$350,000.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund and would be used to cover the cost of the CE phase of Bridge #25 on Corydon New Middletown Road.

The final additional appropriation request was in the amount of \$188,500.00 for contractual services in the motor vehicle highway fund. Kevin Russel said this request was to cover the cost of engineering and right of way services for a project to improve a portion of Corydon Ridge Road immediately West of Crandall Lanesville Road.

Chairman Hussung read the remainder of the additional appropriation requests to be voted on at the council's June 9, 2025 meeting. He said riverboat infrastructure totals to the ten incorporated towns totaled \$8,221.72 and revenue sharing totaled \$211,415.64.

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 \$7,500.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$135,100.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$396,005.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,850.00 for maintenance agreements in the dispatch budget in the LIT public safety-county share fund. Councilwoman Brown 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 \$12,846.36 for maintenance agreements in the dispatch budget in the LIT public safety-county share fund. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,767.61 for other instruments & medical supplies in the jail budget in the LIT public safety-county share fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$96,033.72 for contractual services-other in the opioid restricted 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 \$2,000,000.00 out of the community crossings grant 25/27 fund. 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>
<u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</u>		
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 135,100.00	\$ 135,100.00
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 396,005.00	\$ 396,005.00
TOTAL CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND	\$ 538,605.00	\$ 538,605.00
<u>LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE FUND</u>		
1170-36200-000-0321 Maintenance Agreement	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 10,850.00
1170-36200-000-0321 Maintenance Agreement	\$ 12,846.36	\$ 12,846.36
1170-21601-000-0380 Other Int. & Medical Supplies	\$ 2,767.61	\$ 2,767.61
TOTAL LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-CO. SHARE FUNDS	\$ 26,463.97	\$ 26,463.97
<u>OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND</u>		
1237-39307-000-0000 Contractual Services-Other	\$ 96,033.72	\$ 96,033.72
TOTAL OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND	\$ 96,033.72	\$ 96,033.72
<u>COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT 25/27 FUND</u>		
9128-39903-000-0270 Community Crossings Grant	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
TOTAL COMM. CROSSINGS GRANT 25/27 FUNDS	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF MAY, 2025

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 a transfer request in the amount of \$22,800.00 from first deputy cartographer to first deputy auditor in the county auditor budget in the county general fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$31.26 from postage to publication in the extension budget in the county general fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$400.00 from grave markers to copier maintenance agreement in the commissioner budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve transfer requests as follows: \$200.00 from other supplies, \$200.00 from printing & marketing, and \$119.00 from equipment repair & maintenance to liability insurance in the CASA budget in the county general fund. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve 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. Councilwoman Brown 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>		
1000-11700-000-0002 1 st Deputy Auditor	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 22,800.00
1000-33201-000-0011 Publication-Extension	\$ 31.26	\$ 31.26
1000-36203-000-0068 Copier Maintenance Agreement	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
1000-34108-000-0290 Liability Insurance-CASA	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
1000-34108-000-0290 Liability Insurance-CASA	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
1000-34108-000-0290 Liability Insurance-CASA	\$ 119.00	\$ 119.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 23,750.26	\$ 23,750.26
<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>		
1191-44200-000-0068 Equipment-Commissioners	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

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>
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
1000-11401-000-0002 1 st Deputy Cartographer	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 22,800.00
1000-22212-000-011 Postage-Extension	\$ 31.26	\$ 31.26
1000-39300-000-0068 Grave Markers	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
1000-21300-000-0290 Other Supplies-CASA	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
1000-33200-000-0290 Printing & Marketing	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
1000-36100-000-0290 Equip. Repair & Maintenance	\$ 119.00	\$ 119.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 23,750.26	\$ 23,750.26
COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND		
1191-35101-000-0068 Utilities-Commissioners	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

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Commissioner president Nelson Stepro came before the council to notify them of the obsolete water softener system at the Justice Center. He discussed the need of a new system with a price estimate of \$75,000.00. Mr. Stepro said there was an urgency in addressing the issue to prevent calcium buildup and other problems. He planned to provide more details at the next meeting when considering potential solutions.

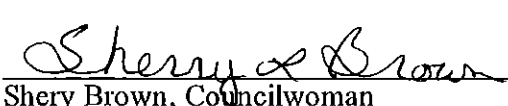
An amended salary ordinance for the county auditor's office was presented for the council's consideration. The amendment would cap the first deputy cartographer pay at \$16,879.71 and allocate the remaining \$22,800.00 to first deputy auditor. This change is to make the job titles in the office align more with the duties being performed. Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve the amended salary ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Castetter seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Regional Director of the Southeast District for Senator Jim Banks, Shawn Gardner, came before the council to introduce himself and encouraged those in the community to reach out with any issues they may have.


Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.



Jake Blackman, Councilman



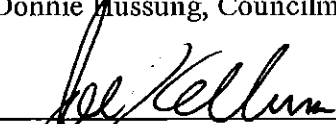
Sherry Brown, Councilwoman

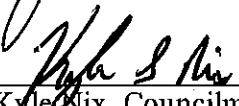


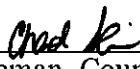
Holli Castetter, Councilwoman


Richard Gerdon, Councilman

- Absent -
Donnie Hussung, Councilman


Joe Kellum, Councilman


Kyle Nix, Councilman

ATTEST: 
Chad Shireman, County Auditor