

**MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Thursday, February 8, 2024, the Marshall County Council met in a public meeting at the Marshall County Building, Room 203, 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana, at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the call of the President. Board members present were President Jesse Bohannon, Vice President Tim Harman; Members James Masterson, Nicole Cox, Deborah Johnson, Will Patterson, and Adam Faulstich; Attorney Marcel Lebbin; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. The meeting streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>, the invocation was given by Cindy Flagg, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, noting a quorum is present the business at hand was heard.

PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

No public input concerning agenda items was heard.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences Karen Richey and Ag & Natural Resources Brianna Slonaker presented the Extension Express newsletter. They highlighted the Jail Chemical Addiction Program (JCAP) and Soil Health Program.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Matt Hassel presented the County Sheriff's Reports of Receipts and Distribution of the Commissary Fund for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for acceptance.

Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to accept the County Sheriff's Reports of Receipts and Distribution of the Commissary Fund for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Hassel presented the 2024 Commissary Budget in the total sum of \$285,000. **Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the 2024 Commissary Budget in the sum of \$285,000. Motion carried 7-0.**

Sheriff Hassel requested support for an additional appropriation into the General Fund/Sheriff for Radios & Accessories in the sum of \$11,000. The request has been submitted for consideration at the March meeting. **Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to show support for the \$11,000 additional appropriation into Radios & Accessories. Motion carried 7-0.**

CULVER UNION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Culver Union Township Public Library Board President Karen Boland respectfully requested the reappointment of Jennah Fairchild. She explained that the Council appointed Jennah Fairchild at the November 9, 2023 meeting. Member Fairchild took the oath of office in a timely fashion and was seated on the board. However, with all the changes on the CUTPL Board, the Board missed the filing deadline in the Clerk's Office. **Jim Masterson moved, second by Will Patterson, to reappoint Jennah Fairchild to the Culver Township Public Library. Motion carried 7-0.**

COUNCIL ITEMS

Job Classification/Compensation Subcommittee Report: Member Cox stated the subcommittee met and recommends the approval of a part-time custodian for Buildings & Grounds.

Ord. 2024-11(1) Amending Job Description Ord. 2023-28B: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deb Johnson, to approve Ord. 2024-11(1) Amending Job Description Ord. 2023-28B adding the Buildings & Grounds Custodian PT job description. Motion carried 7-0.

Ord. 2024-10(1) Amending Salary Ord. 2023-25: Tim Harman moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve Ord. 2024-10(1) Amending Salary Ord. 2023-25, which corrected the Clerk-Voter Registration rate to \$71.15 bi-weekly retroactive to January 1, 2024 and the addition of Buildings & Grounds Custodian, PT, LTC1 Category, Non-exempt at \$19.57 per hour. Motion carried 7-0.

Ord. 2024-4(2) Establish New Fund 8114: Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve Ord. 2024-4(2) to Establish New Fund 8114, HAVA 2023 Election Security. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda: Having had the opportunity to review the consent agenda items including additional appropriations and transfer of appropriations, Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriations and transfer of appropriations under the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-1(2): Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriations was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on January 25, 2024.

Section Corner Perpetuation: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$25,000 into Other Services & Charges. Motion carried 7-0.

Medical Benefits Self Insurance: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$500,000 into KISx; \$952,000 into Stop Loss Premium; \$52,164 into UR/PPO Fees; \$62,100 into Administrative Fees; \$62,100 into Broker Fees; \$30,000 into Sharx Fees; \$750 into Annual Administrative Fee; \$500,000 into Auxiant Weekly; and \$1,140,000 into Auxiant-TrueRx Weekly. Motion carried 7-0.

Historical Society: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$5,138 into Wages-Clerical. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge Inspection/Inventory: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$100,250 into Bridge Inspection/Inventory FY22-25. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge 87-11th Road: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$71,335.66 into Construction. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge 120 – Upas Road: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$107,537.41 into Construction. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge 231 – Center Street: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$305,309.74 into Preliminary Engineering. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge 232 – Randolph Street: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$49,740.78 into Construction. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge 88 – 12th Road: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$349,908.80 into Preliminary Engineering. Motion carried 7-0.

HAVA 2023 Election Security: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$21,777 into HAVA Election Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.

IOCS Problem-Solving Court: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$2,000 into Incentives; \$1,080 into Drug Testing Supplies; \$150 into Graduation Supplies; \$500 into Participant Needs; and \$1,100 into Participant Advancement Coins. Motion carried 7-0.

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$25,000 into IDEM Grant Match Funds. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-2(2):

General/Buildings & Grounds: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$4,999 from Equipment Maintenance Contracts into Wages-Custodian PT. Motion carried 7-0.

Cum Bridge: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$56,255.21 from Equipment Maintenance Contracts with \$9,267.13 into B#87 11th Road, \$16,507.48 into B#120 Upas Road, \$15,430 into B#1004 Elm Road, and \$15,050.60 into Bridge Insp/Inventory FY22-25. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH /MVH Restricted: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$10,000 from MVH Wages-Overtime into MVH Restricted Wages-Overtime; \$310,000 from MVH Wages-Area Leaders to MVH Restricted Wages-Area Leaders; \$60,000 from MVH Wages-Road Foreman into MVH Restricted Wages-Road Foreman; \$200,000 from MVH Wages-Heavy Equipment Operator into MVH Restricted Wages-Heavy Equipment Operator; \$65,000 from MVH Employer PERF into MVH Restricted Employer PERF; \$10,000 from MVH Other Operating Supplies into MVH Restricted Other Operating Supplies; \$150,000 from MVH Stone, Gravel, Aggregates into MVH Restricted Stone, Gravel, Aggregates; \$550,000 from MVH Bituminous into MVH Restricted Bituminous; \$20,000 from MVH Paint to MVH Restricted Paint; \$15,000 from MVH Road Signs into MVH Restricted Road Signs; \$40,000 from MVH Employer Social Security into MVH Restricted Employer Social Security; \$35,000 from MVH Group Health Insurance into MVH Restricted Group Health Insurance; and \$200,000 from MVH Vehicle Maintenance into MVH Restricted Vehicle Maintenance. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-12 CY2023:

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$693.43 from Longevity/Overtime with \$119 into Education Coordinator, \$0.80 into Hazardous Material Specialist, \$0.60 into Director, \$355.01 into Payroll Liabilities, and \$218.02 into Retirement; \$2,608.50 from Personnel Liabilities into Universal Waste; \$1,369.35 from Misc. Equipment into Site & Facility; \$1,832.9 from Print & Public Info with \$1784.30 into Commodity Recycling and \$48.09 into Fuel/Travel; and \$2,610.34 from Tires into Electronics/Appliances. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of January 11, 2024: Jim Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024. Motion carried 6-0-1, with Adam Faulstich abstaining.

Park & Recreation Board Appointment: Jim Masterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to reappoint Adam Thada to the Park & Recreation Board for the term ending Deember 31, 2027. Motion carried 7-0.

Purdue Extension Services Refund: Discussion was held concerning the \$10,000 refund Purdue Extension presented to the Board of Commissioners. Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Tim Harman, to advertise an additional appropriation to support 4-H. Motion carried 7-0.

Solar: Vice President Harman explained that a public hearing on the solar ordinance was held by the Commissioners and if no action is taken, the proposed ordinance will become law.

Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to urge the Commissioners to act on the solar ordinance by placing a two-year moratorium. Tim Harman withdrew the motion.

Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to urge the Commissioners to act on the solar ordinance by placing a two-year moratorium on solar and battery. Discussion was held concerning zoning setbacks and surrounding county ordinances. **Motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC INPUT

Child Evangelism Fellowship Local Director Crystal King presented a brochure to Board members and requested placement on the agenda next month to bring awareness to their program.

Steve Barry, 12239 Manor Drive, Plymouth, stated that the Farm Bureau, representing 2,500 members, is strongly in favor of the two-year moratorium on solar.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. upon motion by Nicole Cox, second by Jim Masterson. Motion carried 6-0.**

Jesse Bohannon, President

Tim Harman, Vice President

James Masterson

Deborah Johnson

Nicole Cox

Will Patterson

Adam Faulstich

Attest:

Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor