

**MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Thursday, April 11, 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; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. Attorney Marcel Lebbin arrived at 6:15 p.m. The meeting streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>, the invocation was given by Brandon Schadek, 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.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Matt Hassel explained donations were received in 2011 for a new K-9. The fund that was previously established holds a balance of \$3,628 and in review of county records an ordinance was never established to state the purpose of those funds. Ordinance 2024-14: An Ordinance Establishing the Purpose of a Donation Fund for the Mashall County K-9 Program was presented for approval.

Tim Harman moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve Ordinance 2024-14: An Ordinance Establishing the Purpose of a Donation Fund for the Marshall County K-9 Program. Motion carried 7-0.

EMA

EMA Director Jack Garner presented the Quarterly Report (January 1 – April 11, 2024) highlighting Incidents/Responses to include inclement weather, bomb threat, and the solar eclipse; Grant Updates; Training/Exercise Updates; and Community Outreach.

COUNCIL ITEMS

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-1(4): Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on March 28, 2024.

Local Health Maintenance: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$60,000 into Environmental Health Supplies and \$15,140.23 into Other Capital Outlays/Building. Motion carried 7-0.

Local Health Dept. Trust Account: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$94,000 into Vehicle Purchase and \$59,992.36 into Other Capital Outlays/Building. Motion carried 7-0.

Local Road & Street Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$200,000 into Stone, Gravel, Aggregates Motion carried 7-0.

Auditors Ineligible Deduction: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$30,000 into Contractual Services. Motion carried 7-0.
Opioid Unrestricted Funds: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$25,317.70 into CASA Program. Motion carried 7-0.
DARE: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$1,000 into Awards. Motion carried 7-0.
American Rescue Plan: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$20,000 into Aid to Non-Profit Organization and \$986.66 into Coroner Stair Chair. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-2(3):

General/Commissioner: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$6,000 from Boys & Girls Club into Culver Youth Club. Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk's Records Perpetuation: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$10,534 from Microfilming into Microfilm Equipment. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge 11 – N Union Road: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$126,700 from Preliminary Engineering into Construction. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of March 14, 2024: Tim Harman moved, second by Jim Masterson, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

JOHN GROLICH

Coroner and Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association District 5 Chairman John Grolich stated that House Bill 1454 has been ratified and provides for the creation of a Public Safety Local Income Tax to support fire departments and emergency management services. He is requesting consideration of a .05 percent income tax and informed the Board that the Commissioners voted 2-1 to recommend the Council consider a .05 percent income tax increase to help fire and emergency medical services. Discussion was held concerning the needs of fire departments, equitable distribution of the tax, decrease in volunteer firefighter membership, and retention of firefighters. Discussion was held concerning the formation of an exploratory committee.

Lebbin Law Office Claim: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve Lebbin Law Office invoices. Motion carried 7-0.

Cender Dalton Claim: Tim Harman moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve Cender Dalton Invoice 10758. Motion carried 7-0.

BZA Alternate Appointment: Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to appoint Joe Allyn as the BZA alternate appointment. Motion carried 7-0.

ONE Marshall County: Discussion was held concerning an appointment to the ONE Marshall County Steering Committee.

4-H Donation: The Commissioners will be presented with a request from the 4-H Council on April 15th requesting the \$10,000 that was returned by Purdue be given back to the 4-H Council for an audio/visual system. Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to support an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for a 4-H Council Donation. Motion carried 7-0.

Job Classification & Compensation Committee: Tim Harman requested he be removed from the Job Classification & Compensation Committee. **Nicole Cox moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to accept Tim Harman's resignation and appoint Jim Masterson to the Job Classification & Compensation Committee. Motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC INPUT

CASA Director Chastity Keller thanked the board for their vote of financial support.

Union Township Trustee Marlene Mahler thanked John Grolich for his comments previously in the meeting and expressed concerns about the Union Township volunteer fire department and emergency management system.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. upon motion by Deborah Johnson, second by Adam Faulstich. Motion carried 7-0.**

Jesse Bohannon, President

Tim Harman, Vice President

James Masterson

Deborah Johnson

Nicole Cox

Will Patterson

Adam Faulstich

Attest:

Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor