

MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Thursday, June 13, 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; Financial Advisor Steve Dalton and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. The meeting streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>, the invocation was given by Rob Keck, 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.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board of Commissioners President Stan Klotz, Marshall County Sheriff Department Security Officer Duane Culp, and HyperWave President Dan Sammurtano explained the cameras in the Courthouse and County Building need to be updated. The cost is estimated at \$55,000. **Tim Harman moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve financial support for the camera upgrade in the sum of \$55,000 and request the additional appropriation be advertised for the next meeting. Motion carried 7-0.**

President Klotz explained that pursuant to Indiana Code the Commissioners are recommending a four percent wage increase for calendar year 2025 with the understanding that the recommendation is not binding, and the final decision rests with the Council.

President Klotz stated that the Health Board members have signed a letter of support to purchase the Bowen Center building and is looking for funding guidance from the Council. **Tim Harman moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to appoint Tim Harman to collaborate with Stan Klotz on the purchase of a building and to bring the proposal to the Budget & Finance Subcommittee. Motion carried 7-0.**

MUSEUM

Museum Executive Director Sandy Garrison and Marshall County Historical Society Board President Mike Miley presented the quarterly report. They highlighted the newsletter, board meeting, flyers, and the several events recently hosted. They are looking forward to The Lincoln Highway Association visit June 25th through June 27th.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Administrator Sandy Dunfee presented a request to apply for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) federal grant. She explained it is a five year grant divided into five budget periods between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2029. The grant amount per budget period is \$25,000. **Nicole Cox moved, second by Will Patterson, to allow the Health Department to apply for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness federal grant, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

PLAN COMMISSION

Plan Commission Director Ty Adley explained that he has submitted an additional appropriation request for BZA Printing & Advertising in the amount of \$1,350; Plan Commission Printing & Advertising in the amount of \$1,500; and Plan Commission Legal Services in the amount of \$6,000. Discussion was held concerning the future of solar and battery storage in Marshall County. **Tim Harman moved, second by Will Patterson, to remove the BZA and Plan Commission additional appropriation requests for Printing & Advertising and Legal Services from the consent agenda and to deny all three requests as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Discussion was held on how to move forward. Financial Advisor Steve Dalton recommended the Council transfer funds from the Council budget account line Special Projects into new account lines designated for Plan Commission and BZA. **Nicole Cox moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to transfer funds from the Council budget Special Projects account line into Printing & Advertising and Legal Services for the Plan Commission and BZA. Motion carried 7-0.**

Financial Advisor Steve Dalton explained that it might be appropriate to state how the Council would get approval to incur expenses. If an expense is incurred, then the County would be legally liable to pay the claim. There would need to be a process where the Plan Commission and BZA need approval for an expense before they incur it. **Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to empower the Council President authorization to approve and/or deny services prior to being incurred by the Plan Commission or BZA for printing & advertising and/or legal services for the remainder of this calendar year or until a moratorium is declared by the Commissioners. Motion carried 7-0.**

COUNCIL ITEMS

Ord. 2024-4(4) Establish New Fund 8117: EECBG Electric Vehicles: **Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve Ord. 2024-4(4) Establish New Fund 8117 EECBG Electric Vehicles. Motion carried 7-0.**

Ord. 2024-4(5) Establish New Fund 8116: COVID19 Bridge Program: **Jim Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve Ord. 2024-4(5) Establish New Fund 8116 COVID19 Bridge Program. Motion carried 7-0.**

Ord. 2024-10(4) Amending Salary Ord. 2023-25: **Will Patterson moved, second by Jim Masterson, to approve Ord. 2024-10(4) Amending Salary Ord. 2023-25, Section: Marshall County Probation Department, Fund 9013-005, increasing Probation Officer Pre-Trial (EO) to \$30.21 per hour effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.**

Claims: **Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the Lebbin Law and Cender Dalton invoices. Motion carried 7-0.**

Minutes of May 9, 2024: **Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the minutes of May 9, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.**

Argos Public Library Appointment: Ronald Rensberger has decided to end his appointment on the Argos Public Library Board with his term ending June 30, 2024. **Jim Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to appoint Amber Horsman to the Argos Public Library Board for the term beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. Motion carried 7-0.**

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-1(6): Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on May 30, 2024.

General/Sheriff (1000-005): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$15,067 into Vehicle Accessories. Motion carried 7-0.

General/BZA (1000-078): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to deny the additional appropriation request of \$1,350 into Printing & Advertising. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Plan Commission (1000-079): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to deny the additional appropriation request of \$1,500 into Printing & Advertising.
Motion carried 7-0.

General/Plan Commission (1000-079): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to deny the additional appropriation request of \$6,000 into Legal Services. Motion carried 7-0.

Community Corrections Project Income/Drug & Alcohol Program (1122-010): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$2,600 into Wages-Longevity; \$37,309.09 into Wages-Program Director; \$34,598.58 into Wages-Case Manager/Drug & Alcohol; \$9,145.11 into Social Security; \$21,662.44 into Group Health Insurance; \$128.50 into Group Life Insurance; \$6,562.39 into Employer PERF; \$7,497 into MCDAP Training Materials; and \$2,000 into Professional Services. Motion carried 7-0.

Opioid Unrestricted (1238): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$7,147.96 into DTF Confidential Funds.

Motion carried 7-0.

DARE (4906): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$2,500 into Registration/Conference Fees. Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk IV-D (8899): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$238.32 into Office Equipment and \$3,000 into Professional Services. Motion carried 7-0.

American Rescue Plan (8950): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$20,000 into DTF Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.

REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-1(7): Notice of Proposed Reduction of Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on May 30, 2024.

Drug & Alcohol Program (2523): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the reduction of appropriation request of \$2,600 from Wages-Longevity; \$37,309.09 from Wages-Program Director; \$34,598.58 from Wages-Case Manager/Drug & Alcohol; \$9,145.11 from Social Security; \$21,662.44 from Group Health Insurance; \$128.50 from Group Life Insurance; \$6,562.39 from Employer PERF; \$7,497 from MCDAP Training Materials; and \$2,000 from Professional Services. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-2(6):

Medical Benefits Self Insurance (4702): Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the transfer request of \$400,000 from True Rx Weekly into Auxiant Weekly and \$200,000 from Kisx into Auxiant Weekly. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC INPUT

Union Township Trustee Marlene Mahler requested an update to her request made in April for help with Emergency Management Services.

Purdue Extension Youth Development Educator Jayne Deaton introduced herself and stated she is looking forward to working with the Board.

Skyler Ellinger, 13463 Fir Road, Bourbon, expressed concern about the condition of the county roads.

Bryan Casper, 13805 Jarrah Road, Argos, expressed appreciation for the Council actions.

Julie Spitznagle, 5119 Sage Road, Plymouth, thanked Council for their decision concerning solar. She also expressed concern about a possible department head having a conflict of interest.

Vice President Harman expressed interest in establishing a committee to study a public safety income tax for first responders and fire departments.

Personnel Subcommittee: Member Cox stated that a personnel subcommittee meeting has been scheduled for June 21st to discuss the recommendations received from Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. upon motion by Jim Masterson, second by Nicole Cox. 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