

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

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Thursday, July 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; Attorney Marcel Lebbin; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. The meeting streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>, the invocation was given by James Masterson, 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 Ag & Natural Resources Educator Brianna Slonaker and 4-H Youth Development Educator Jayne Deaton presented the Extension Express Newsletter highlighting activities, trainings, and meetings held in the last quarter. Educator Deaton expressed appreciation for the leaders and volunteers.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Jason Peters presented a request for additional funding in the amount of \$2,462,253 to complete various projects. **Tim Harman moved, second by Jesse Bohannon, to support the submission of an additional appropriation of \$600,000 from the General Fund and \$600,000 from the Rainy Day Fund. Motion carried 7-0.**

COUNCIL ITEMS

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-1(8): Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on June 27, 2024.

General/Drainage Board (1000-063): James Masterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$2,000 into Legal Services. Motion carried 7-0.

LIT Special Purpose: James Masterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$54,909.58 into Security Systems. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH (1176): James Masterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$108,000 into Vehicle Maintenance Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-2(7):

General/Commissioners (1000-068): James Masterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the transfer request of \$105 from Travel/Mileage into Training. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Buildings & Grounds (1000-172): **James Masterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the transfer request of \$4,999 from Equipment Maintenance Contract into Wages-Custodian PT. Motion carried 7-0.**

Bridge 232-Randolph Street (8111): **James Masterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the transfer request of \$49,740.78 from Construction into Preliminary Engineering. Motion carried 7-0.**

Minutes of June 13, 2024: **Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.**

Job Classification & Compensation Subcommittee Report: Council Member Cox explained the subcommittee reviewed 14 position descriptions from six departments. There are two new job descriptions, nine position description changes did not result in a classification change, and five position description changes resulted in an increased classification. The committee is recommending adoption of two new position descriptions, Office Manager/Drain Management Administrator and Clerical/Administrative Assistant, submitted by the Surveyor and approve the salary adjustment effective July 22, 2024.

Ord. 2024-11(2): An Addendum to Ordinance 2023-28B Adopting County of Marshall, Indiana Job Descriptions: **Tim Harman moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve Ord. 2024-11(2): An Addendum to Ordinance 2023-28B Adopting County of Marshall, Indiana Job Descriptions as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Ord. 2024-10(5): Amending Salary Ord. 2023-25: **Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve Ord. 2024-10(5): Amending Salary Ord. 2023-25, Section: Marshall County Surveyor, Fund 1000-006, removing one Office Manager/Administrative Assistant; adding one Office Manager/Drain Management Administrator, Full-time, COMOT4, Non-Exempt, \$24.85 per hour; and adding one Clerical/Administrative Assistant, Full-time, COMOT3, Non-Exempt, \$23.48 per hour effective July 22, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.**

Budget & Finance Subcommittee Report: Council Member Harman stated the 2025 Council budget remained unchanged from 2024 except for salaries. The subcommittee is reviewing available funding for the purchase of a building for the Health Department. The Commissioners have requested a second appraisal on the building.

Public Safety Subcommittee: President Bohannon stated the Council would like to create a nine member subcommittee to study a public safety income tax for first responders and fire departments.

Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Nicole Cox, to appoint Stan Klotz, Tim Harman, Nicole Cox, John Grolich, Jerry Lamb, Matt Nair, Lisa Mullaney, Ed Barcus, and Jesse Bohannon with Jack Garner serving as the Secretary. Motion carried 7-0.

Claims: **Jim Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve a Cender Dalton invoice in the amount of \$1,312.77 and two Lebbin Law invoices in the amount of \$690 and \$1,630. Motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC INPUT

Council Member Patterson read into the record a letter from Bob Byers regarding the implementation of a local income tax for public safety.

Board of Commissioners President Stan Klotz, in response to a public comment made at the prior meeting, read a list of roads that have been completed in the last few years.

COUNCIL ITEMS - CONTINUED

Council Member Deborah Johnson explained the Plan Commission is creating a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Subcommittee and is requesting one Council appointment. **Nicole Cox moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to appoint Deborah Johnson to the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) subcommittee as the Council appointment. Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President Bohannon stated that following the last Council meeting and the instruction provided to the Plan Commission concerning legal services and printing & advertising claims, a request was made and denied allowing attorney Derek Jones to attend the June 27th Plan Commission meeting regarding battery energy storage systems. An invoice has been submitted by Attorney Jones for services provided to attend the June 27th Plan Commission meeting in the amount of \$540. Discussion was held on how to proceed. **Nicole Cox moved, second by Jim Masterson, to table the approval of Jones Huff & Jones invoice for Plan Commission legal services. Motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. upon motion by Jim Masterson, second by Deborah Johnson. 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