

**MINUTES**  
**MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Thursday, November 14, 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, Deborah Johnson, Will Patterson and Adam Faulstich; Attorney Marcel Lebbin; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. Council member Nicole Cox was absent. 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 was heard.

**HEARTLAND ART CENTER**

Heartland Art Center President Anna Kietzman and SRKM Architecture Co-Owner Brent Martin explained they are applying for the READI 2.0 and Lily Endowment grants. They requested financial support in the form of a donation from the Commissioners, who favorably recommended \$180,000 to be applied to the cost of a new roof at the Heartland Art Center. Discussion was held concerning the ownership of the building and the ability to meet the timeline for American Rescue Plan funding.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Board of Commissioners President Stan Klotz discussed the possibility of entering an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Plymouth for Plan Commission Interim Director services.

He explained there has been a request from the landowners whose property lines are shared with the Highway Department for a tree line to be planted at an estimated cost of \$23,500.

He further explained that a generator was installed at the County Building and there was a water leak from the original pipes. The Buildings & Grounds Department does not have the funding available in their budget to pay the invoices to Martell Electric in the amount of \$1,792.11 or DR Masonry in the amount of \$3,200. The total cost of repair is \$4,992.11. **Will Patterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to pay the invoices as presented from the Council Other Project account line. Motion carried 6-0.**

President Klotz requested support of an additional appropriation of \$75,000 from the American Rescue Plan Fund to support the six local food banks. **Adam Faulstich moved, second by Will Patterson, to support an additional appropriation request of \$75,000 from the American Rescue Plan Fund to support the local food banks. Motin carried 6-0.**

**Jesse Bohannon moved, second by Will Patterson, to communicate to the Commissioners it is the desire of the Council to utilize the remaining American Rescue Plan funds for the Highway Department. Motion carried 6-0.**

## **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 Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriations and transfer of appropriations under the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-1(12):** Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on October 31, 2024.

**General/Sheriff (1000-005):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$32,706 into Video Cameras. Motion carried 6-0.

**General/Plan Commission (1000-079):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$7,000 into Professional Services. Motion carried 6-0.

**General/Probation (1000-273):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$15,000 into Care: Patients & Inmates. Motion carried 6-0.

**LIT Special Purpose (1114):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$12,000 into Prisoner Meals and \$45,000 into Utilities. Motion carried 6-0.

**Community Corrections Project Income (1122-009):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$22,000 into Electronic Monitoring Equipment. Motion carried 6-0.

**Supplemental Adult Probation (2100):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$46,542 into Wages-Dept. Head, \$183,424 into Wages-Probation Officer, and \$20,217 into Employer Social Security. Motion carried 6-0.

**Victim Assistance Donations (4901):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$1,194.65 into Office Supplies. Motion carried 6-0.

**Bridge 232 – Randolph Street (8111):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$10,800 into Right-of-Way. Motion carried 6-0.

**American Rescue Plan (8950):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$50,387 into 6.1-Jefferson Street Parking Lot. Motion carried 6-0.

### **TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-2(11):**

**General/Commissioners (1000-068):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$33,000 from Group Health Insurance into Employer PERF. Motion carried 6-0.

**General/Superior Court I (1000-201):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$1,500 from Grand & Petit Jurors into Unified Law Library. Motion carried 6-0.

**General/Superior Court III (1000-203):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$2,500 from Office Furniture & Fixtures with \$700 into Jury Meals, \$1,400 into Contractual Services, and \$400 into Repair Furniture & Equipment. Motion carried 6-0.

**MVH/MVH Restricted (1176/1173):** James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$280 from MVH Wages-Overtime into MVH Restricted

**Wages-Overtime; \$3,174 from MVH Employer PERF to MVH Restricted Employer PERF; and \$1,700 from MVH Other Operating Supplies into MVH Restricted Other Operating Supplies. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Sex/Violent Offender (1192): James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$1,000 from Wages-Turnkey/Dispatcher PT into Computer Equipment. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Medical Benefits Self Insurance (4702): James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer request of \$40,000 from HSA Reimbursement into Auxiant Weekly and \$40,000 from Auxiant-TrueRx Weekly into Auxiant Weekly. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Minutes of October 10, 2024: Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the meeting minutes of October 10, 2024 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Claims: James Masterson moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the submission of a Lebbin Law invoice in the amount of \$4,170 and Cender Dalton invoice in the amount of \$200. Motion carried 6-0.**

**2025 Sheriff Salary Contract: Tim Harman moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve the 2025 Sheriff Salary Contract in the amount of \$101,544.82. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Juvenile Detention Funding:** Discussion was held concerning the need for juvenile detention.

**Resolution 2024-10: Transfer From Employee Benefits Rainy Day:** Auditor Birchmeier explained there is a shortfall in the Employee Medical Benefits Fund and requested \$450,000 be transferred from the Employee Benefits Rainy Day Fund. **Tim Harman moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve Resolution 2024-10: Transfer from Employee Benefits Rainy Day. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Rainy Day Transfer:** Discussion was held concerning the transfer of \$600,000 from the General Fund into the Employee Benefits Rainy Day Fund.

**Council Injunction Request-Solar:** Attorney Marcel Lebbin stated that the Complaint for Declaratory Judgment was filed. Tamarack Solar filed for a change of venue today and the Commissioners have not responded.

**Plan Commission:** President Bohannon stated a request was received from Plan Commission Director Ty Adley to allow the Board to consult with an attorney during the process of hiring a new Director. **Tim Harman moved, second by Will Patterson, to support an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for legal fees in the hiring process. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Public Safety:** Vice President Harman stated that he is working with Attorney James Clevenger regarding the interlocal agreements with the local fire and emergency departments.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Cindy Casper, 13805 Jarrah Road, Argos, thanked the Council for supporting the citizens.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. upon motion by Will Patterson, second by James Masterson. Motion carried 6-0.**

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**Tim Harman, Vice President**

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**James Masterson**

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**Deborah Johnson**

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**Nicole Cox**

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**Will Patterson**

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**Adam Faulstich**

**Attest:**

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**Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor**