

MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Thursday, December 12, 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 Jesse Bohannon, 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.

PROPEL US 30 WEST

CDM Smith Project Manager Scott Sandstrom provided a PowerPoint presentation on the ProPEL US 30 West Briefing. He explained the purpose of transportation improvements along the US 30 West corridor is to improve regional mobility and safety along US 30 and US 31 and preserve both as vital statewide transportation corridors moving people and goods. He outlined the study schedule, the Level 3 Screening Process, the planning segments and improvement packages. The study is available for viewing in numerous local libraries and online at www.ProPELUS30.com. He stated the study will be completed early next year with the recommendations sent to INDOT. It will likely be six to seven years before construction begins.

DUSTIN'S PLACE

Dustin's Place Executive Director Viki Brown requested funding to renovate the space donated by LifePlex. She explained the total project cost is estimated to be \$750,000, but has not yet bid the project. She explained that she is working on obtaining grant funding opportunities and donations. She requested financial support from the County in the amount of \$185,000. President Bohannon recommended an initial commitment of \$75,000 and dependent upon other financial assistance from the other units of government, an additional commitment up to \$55,000 for a total of \$130,000.

Will Patterson moved, second by Jim Masterson, to pledge \$75,000 to the renovation of Dustin's Place with an option to request an additional \$55,000. 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, Tim Harman requested the additional appropriation for Medical Benefits Self Insurance submission of \$1,000,000 into Auxiant Weekly be removed for individual consideration.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-1(13): Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on November 29, 2024.

Medical Benefits Self Insurance (4702): Tim Harman moved, second by James Masterson, to approve an additional appropriation request of \$500,000 into Auxiant Weekly. Motion carried 7-0.

Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the remainder of the additional appropriations and transfer of appropriations under the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Voter Registration (1000-010): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$600 into Wages-Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Building Department (1000-312): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$300 into Vehicle Maintenance Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.

Bridge 232 – Randolph Street (8111): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$30,080 into Right-of-Way. Motion carried 7-0.

Owner Occupied Housing Project (8113): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$12,563 into Home #10: 905 Center St, Plymouth; \$15,063 into Home #11: 609 W. Washington St, Plymouth; \$24,392 into Home #12: 19475 9C Road, Plymouth; \$23,283 into Home #13: 15936 Yarlett St, Culver; \$19,657 into Home #14: 1498 Oak Road, Plymouth; \$17,916 into Home #15: 908 Center St, Plymouth; and \$17,420 into Home #16: 10199 Queen Road, Plymouth. Motion carried 7-0.

American Rescue Plan (8950): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$263,200 into 6.1-Clerk Voting Machine; \$75,000 into 2.10 Aid to Non Profit Organization; and \$174,578.74 into 7.3 Transfer to Other Units of Government. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-2(12):

General/Treasurer (1000-003): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$224.11 from Repair Furniture & Equipment into Office Furniture & Fixtures. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Treasurer (1000-003): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$554.60 from Contractual Services into Office Furniture & Fixtures. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Sheriff (1000-005): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$8,000 from Wages-Detective 1st Sgt into Wages-Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Sheriff (1000-005): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$7,000 from Vehicle Repair into Wages-Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Sheriff (1000-005): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$10,000 from Vehicle Maintenance Supplies into Wages-Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Surveyor (1000-006): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$5,413.80 from Wages-Clerical/Admin Assistant into Wages-Office Manager/Drain Management. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Voter Registration (1000-010): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$200 from Training into Wages-Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Election Board (1000-062): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$300 from Training-Poll Worker into Meals-Poll Worker. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Election Board (1000-062): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$900 from Training-Poll Worker into Wages-Machine Technician. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Election Board (1000-062): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$400 from Training-Poll Worker into Wages-Employee Poll Worker. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Election Board (1000-062): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$300 from Hot Spot Data Plan into Office Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Commissioners (1000-068): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$15,000 from Utilities into Professional Services. Motion carried 7-0.

LIT Special Purpose (1114): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$7,000 from Professional Services into Prisoner Meals. Motion carried 7-0.

LIT Special Purpose (1114): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$25,000 from Wages-Turnkey/Dispatcher into Group Health Insurance. Motion carried 7-0.

LIT Special Purpose (1114): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$30,000 from Wages-Turnkey/Dispatcher PT into Group Health Insurance. Motion carried 7-0.

Health (1159): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$25,000 from Group Life Insurance into Group Health Insurance. Motion carried 7-0.

Health (1159): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$10,000 from Group Life Insurance into Employer PERF. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH (1176): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$28,349.10 from Employer PERF to Wages-Heavy Equipment Operator. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH (1176): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$10,000 from Employer PERF to Employer Social Security. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH (1176): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$30,000 from Vehicle Maintenance Supplies to Group Health Insurance. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH Restricted/MVH(1173/1176): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$19,909.52 from MVH Restricted Wages-Area Leaders to MVH Wages-Area Leaders. Motion carried 7-0.

Medical Benefits Self Insurance (4702): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$55,000 from Auxiant Weekly into Samaritan Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Medical Benefits Self Insurance (4702): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$85,000 from Auxiant Weekly into Paradigm Holdings. Motion carried 7-0.

American Rescue Plan (8895): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$180.01 from 6.1-DTF Supplies into 7.3-Transfer to Other Units of Government. Motion carried 7-0.

American Rescue Plan (8895): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$232.61 from 6.1-Coroner Stair Chair into 7.3-Transfer to Other Units of Government. Motion carried 7-0.

IOCS PreTrial Grant (9013): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$40.76 from Staff Training into Group Health Insurance. Motion carried 7-0.

Community Corrections Prosecutor Diversion (9126): Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of \$1,500 from Travel/Mileage into Wages-Pretrial Diversion Officer. Motion carried 7-0.

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of **\$1,500 from Bookkeeper/Office Administrator into Fuel/Travel. Motion carried 7-0.**

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of **\$3,000 from Bookkeeper/Office Administrator into Office & Warehouse. Motion carried 7-0.**

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of **\$2,500 from Bookkeeper/Office Administrator into Software. Motion carried 7-0.**

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of **\$3,000 from Appliance/Electronics into Print/Public Information. Motion carried 7-0.**

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of **\$71.72 from Appliance/Electronics into Legal Notices. Motion carried 7-0.**

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of **\$4,000 from Appliance/Electronics into Equipment. Motion carried 7-0.**

Solid Waste: Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer request of **\$1,000 from Hazardous Materials into Commodity Recycling. Motion carried 7-0.**

Minutes of November 14, 2024: Deborah Johnson moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2024 as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1, with Nicole Cox abstaining.

Claims: Adam Faulstich moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the submission of a Lebbin Law invoice in the amount of \$6,980. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution 2024-12: Transfer To Employee Benefits Rainy Day: Auditor Birchmeier stated the General Fund cash balance on November 30th was \$7,173,508.14, the 2025 estimated miscellaneous revenue is \$8,723,124 and the estimated levy is \$8,219,070, which at this time is more than the amount needed to support the 2025 General Fund budget of \$15,653,508. As discussed at the November Council meeting the Resolution calls for a transfer of \$600,000 from the General Fund into the Employee Benefits Rainy Day Fund. James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve Resolution 2024-12: Transfer to Employee Benefits Rainy Day as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 2024-10(8): Amending Salary Ordinance 2023-25: Deborah Johnson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to approve Ordinance 2024-10(8): Amending Salary Ordinance 2023-25, Section: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fund 1000-001, adding one (1) Clerk-General Election Stipend in the annual rate of \$2,500; and Section: Auditor, Fund 1000-002, adding one (1) Auditor Stipend in the annual rate of \$2,500. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 2024-26: Amending Salary Ordinance 2024-23: James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve Ordinance 2024-26: Amending Salary Ordinance 2024-23, Section: Auditor, Fund 1000-002, adding one (1) Auditor Stipend in the bi-weekly rate of \$96.15 effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Lebbin Law Authorization: Will Patterson moved, second by Adam Faulstich, to empower Marcel Lebbin to utilize outside sources. Motion carried 7-0.

Lebbin Law Report: Invenergy has filed a motion to dismiss, and the Council will seek an extension due to the holidays.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jamie Fleury, 509 S. Bourbon Street, Bourbon, called on the Council and community members to help Dustin’s Place and the children in the community.

Health Department Administrator Sandy Dunfee provided a list of services provided by the Health Department this year.

COUNCIL ITEMS - CONTINUED

Fire Protection Grant Program: Vice President Harman stated that a recommendation has been received by Financial Advisor Steve Dalton concerning a Fire Protection Grant Program as follows: 1) Transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund to a newly created Fire Protection Grant Fund. 2) Additionally appropriate those dollars; \$50,000 to each of the eight townships and \$100,000 to “other fire protection”. 3) Pass a resolution which grants the Commissioners the ability to use the dollars for the eight townships to fund equipment grants. **Tim Harman moved, second by Nicole Cox, to establish a Fire Protection Grant Program to be administered by the Commissioners. Motion carried 7-0.**

James Masterson thanked Jesse Bohannon and Adam Faulstich for their service to the Council and welcomed Steve Gorski and Brandon Schadek.

Jesse Bohannon thanked the members and committed a new spirit of collaboration between the boards as an incoming Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. upon motion by James Masterson, second by Nicole Cox. Motion carried 7-0.**

James Masterson

Will Patterson

Tim Harman

Steve Gorski

Nicole Cox

Brandon Schadek

Deborah Johnson

Attest:

Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor