

# County Council Meeting Minutes

**October 10, 2023**

[Play 928] *Meeting Called to Order by the President*

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Councilman Vaughn, Councilman Emery, Councilwoman Likens, Councilwoman Kelller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick, and President Steele.

**Also Present:** Auditor, Rick Gardner; Chief Deputy Auditor, Todd Culp; and Legal Counsel, Doug Kowalski.

[Play 929] *Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2023*

**Motion:** to approve minutes of September 12, 2023, meeting of the Council as presented.

**Moved:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Seconded:** Ben Gale

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

[Play 930] *Approval of Agenda for meeting*

**Motion:** to approve agenda as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Anthony Emery

**Motion Passed, unanimously.**

[Play 931] President Steele makes remarks.

[Play 932] Rick Gardner, County Auditor, presents report which includes: total debt; balances of General Fund and Rainy Day Fund; interest earned; projected budget; and distribution of additional revenues.

[Play 933] John Beeman, Sheriff, presents transfer requests to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve transfer request of Sheriff as presented.

**Moved:** Anthony Emery

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Motion Passed, unanimously.**

<b>SHERIFF/JAIL – JOHN BEEMAN</b>				
	<b>TRANSFER</b>			
	<b><u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u></b>			
	<b><u>Sheriff – 0005</u></b>			
	Transfer from:	39070	Extraditions	(\$6,000.00)
		39071	Drug Task Force	(\$375.00)
	Transfer to:	32000	Communications &	\$6,000.00

			Transportation	
		33000	Printing & Advertising	\$375.00
	Transfer from:	12402	Officer 4	(\$2,000.00)
		13912	Officer 25	(\$1,300.00)
		13917	SOR Deputy	(\$20,000.00)
		14600	Civil Process Server	(\$6,500.00)
	Transfer to:	16800	Overtime	\$29,800.00
	<b><u>Jail – 0380</u></b>			
	Transfer from:	11020	Jail Commander	(\$1,568.59)
		11704	Officer 2	(\$756.44)
		11722	Asst. Jail Commander	(\$636.36)
		11907	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$2,924.88)
		12002	Sergeant	(\$147.35)
		12301	Officer 3	(\$785.38)
		12402	Officer 4	(\$881.28)
		12502	Sergeant 2	(\$3,875.43)
		12701	Officer 6	(\$710.98)
		12703	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$861.63)
		12704	Jail Corporal	(\$873.06)
		12705	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$480.41)
		12706	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$758.94)
		12707	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$734.50)
		12708	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$147.35)
		12709	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$818.96)
		12710	Jail Officer	(\$758.54)
		12711	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$758.54)
		12712	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$789.51)
		12801	Officer 7	(\$147.74)
		12803	Civilian Jail Sergeant	(\$203.78)
		12902	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$876.70)
		13001	Officer 8	(\$758.54)
		13003	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$422.18)
		13100	Officer 9	(\$1,468.46)
		13103	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$146.00)
		13201	Officer 10	(\$3,114.97)
		13203	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$1,045.36)
		13303	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$837.43)
		13401	Officer 11	(\$6,161.76)
		13403	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$686.94)
		13503	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$1,019.42)
		13601	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$761.27)

		13701	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$147.35)
		13801	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$1,125.52)
		13908	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$248.25)
		14001	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$758.54)
		14101	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$958.12)
		14201	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$1,278.05)
		14303	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$4,844.07)
		14400	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$3,229.67)
		14409	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$813.59)
		14410	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$786.06)
		14501	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$686.94)
		14601	Jail Corporal 2	(\$836.22)
		14701	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$758.54)
		14800	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$758.54)
		14801	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$147.35)
		14802	Jail Corporal 3	(\$942.31)
		14804	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$806.61)
		14805	Civilian Jail Officer	(\$734.50)
		15100	Head Cook	(\$760.41)
		15200	Cook	(\$980.75)
		15300	Cook 2	(\$812.11)
		15400	Cook 3	(\$667.82)
	Transfer to:	37000	Rentals	\$60,000.00

[Play 934] Adam Matson, Coroner, presents a transfer request to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve transfer request of the Coroner as presented.

**Moved:** Anthony Emery

**Seconded:** Ben Gale

**Motion Passed, unanimously.**

<b>CORONER – ADAM MATSON</b>				
			<b>TRANSFER</b>	
			<b><u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u></b>	
			<b><u>Coroner – 0007</u></b>	
	Transfer from:	11025	Physician Coroner Pay	(\$5,096.72)
	Transfer to:	22000	Operating Supplies	\$5,096.72

[Play 935] Andrew Hanna, Chief Deputy Prosecutor, presents transfer requests to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve transfer requests of Prosecutor as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Diana Likens

*Motion Passed, unanimously.*

<b>PROSECUTOR – RODNEY CUMMINGS</b>				
	<b>TRANSFER</b>			
	<b><u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u></b>			
	<b><u>Prosecutor – 0009</u></b>			
	Transfer from:	13602	Felony Trial Deputy 4	(\$10,000.00)
		13802	Felony Trial Deputy 5	(\$9,646.00)
		15000	Part Time	(\$3,000.00)
	Transfer to:	13502	Felony Trial Deputy 3	\$5,200.00
		22000	Operating Supplies	\$13,000.00
		37000	Rentals	\$4,446.00

[Play 936] President Steele, on behalf of Larry Strange, Planning Director, presents transfer requests to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve transfer request of Planning Department as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

*Motion Passed, unanimously.*

<b>PLANNING – LARRY STRANGE</b>				
	<b>TRANSFER</b>			
	<b><u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u></b>			
	<b><u>Planning – 0079</u></b>			
	Transfer from:	24000	Other Supplies	(\$400.00)
	Transfer to:	21000	Office Supplies	\$400.00

[Play 937] Scott Harless, Highway Superintendent, withdraws transfer request in Local Road and Street Fund – 1169.

[Play 938] President Steele, on behalf of Larry Davis, Assessor, presents a transfer request to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve transfer request of the Assessor as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

*Motion Passed, unanimously.*

<b>ASSESSOR – LARRY DAVIS</b>				
	<b>TRANSFER</b>			
	<b><u>REASSESSMENT FUND – 1224</u></b>			
	Transfer from:	21000	Office Supplies	(\$4,100.00)

	Transfer to:	44000	Machinery & Equipment	\$4,100.00

[Play 939] Stephenie Mellinger, Director of Health Department, presents transfer requests to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve transfer requests of Health Department as presented.

**Moved:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Seconded:** Ben Gale

**Motion Passed, unanimously.**

<b>HEALTH – STEPHENIE MELLINGER</b>				
<b>TRANSFER</b>				
<b>HEALTH FUND – 1159</b>				
	Transfer from:	39000	Other Services	(\$2,000.00)
		44000	Machinery and Equipment	(\$10,075.00)
	Transfer to:	11412	Vital Records Clerk	\$2,000.00
		16300	Longevity	\$75.00
		22000	Operating Supplies	\$10,000.00

[Play 941] Linda Smith, Clerk, makes new money request in County Elected Officials Training Fund – 1217.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>NEW MONEY</b>				
<b>CLERK – LINDA SMITH</b>				
<b>NEW MONEY</b>				
<b>COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING FUND – 1217</b>				
	39004	Other Services/Clerk		\$4,000.00

[Play 942] Jim Hunter, Court Administrator, makes new money requests from Miscellaneous Funds.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>COURT ADMINISTRATION – JIM HUNTER</b>				
<b>NEW MONEY</b>				

	<b><u>COURT IMPROVEMENT FUND – 8218</u></b>		
	31000	Professional Services	\$15,000.00
	<b><u>COURT INTERPRETER GRANT FUND – 9142</u></b>		
	31002	Interpreter Grant	\$1,500.00

[Play 943] Bryan Williams, Chief Public Defender, makes new money requests from Rainy Day Fund.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Anthony Emery

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDERS – BRYAN WILLIAMS</b>			
	<b>NEW MONEY</b>		
	<b><u>RAINY DAY FUND – 1186</u></b>		
	<b><u>Public Defender – 0271</u></b>		
	31000	Professional Services	\$70,000.00

[Play 944] Betsy Baxter, Director of Victim Services, Prosecutor Office, requests new money in STOP Grant Fund – 8223.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Seconded:** Anthony Emery

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>PROSECUTOR (VICTIM SERVICES) – RODNEY CUMMINGS</b>			
	<b>NEW MONEY</b>		
	<b><u>STOP GRANT FUND – 8223</u></b>		
	11002	Director	\$6,044.33
	11145	Bilingual Advocate	\$22,730.98
	14903	Victim Advocate	\$28,740.98
	11023	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 3	\$23,850.00
	16161	FICA	\$4,400.00
	21000	Office Supplies	\$422.07
	31000	Professional Services	\$625.00
	32000	Communication and Transportation	\$1,397.66
	33000	Printing and Advertising	\$612.00
	37000	Rentals	\$250.00
	39000	Other Services and Charges	\$6,395.50
	<b>TOTAL STOP GRANT FUND REQUESTS:</b>		<b>\$95,468.52</b>

[Play 945] Scott Harless, Highway Superintendent, makes new money requests from Miscellaneous Funds.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Seconded:** Anthony Emery

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>COUNTY ENGINEER – JESSICA BASTIN</b>			
<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b><u>LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND – 1169</u></b>			
	22000	Operating Supplies	\$70,000.00
<b><u>HIGHWAY FUND – 1173</u></b>			
<b><u>Highway Maintenance &amp; Repair – 0531</u></b>			
	30035	Paving	\$50,000.00

[Play 946] Tom Ecker, County Administrator, makes a new money request in Windfarm Economic Development Fund – 4956. Todd Jones, Mayor of City of Elwood, makes presentation in support of this request. Rob Sparks, Corporation of Economic Development, also speaks in support of this request.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Seconded:** Bethany Keller

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>COMMISSIONERS – JOHN RICHWINE</b>			
<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b><u>WINDFARM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND – 4956</u></b>			
	39000	Other Services and Charges	\$502,970.00

[Play 949] Sheriff Beeman makes a new money request from General Fund – 1000. President Steele opens meeting for public comment on this request. None made.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Seconded:** Jodi Norrick

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b>SHERIFF/JAIL - JOHN BEEMAN</b>			

<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b><u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u></b>			
<b><u>Sheriff – 0005</u></b>			
	22000	Operating Supplies	\$51,000.00
	39000	Other Services and Charges	\$4,481.28
<b><u>Jail – 0380</u></b>			
	37000	Rentals	\$39,000.00

[Play 950] Coroner Matson makes a new money request from General Fund – 1000. President Steele opens meeting for public comment on this request.

[Play 951] Amy Crosby makes comment.

[Play 952] Katherine Callahan makes comment.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Diana Likens

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b>CORONER - ADAM MATSON</b>			
<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b><u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u></b>			
<b><u>Coroner – 0007</u></b>			
	31000	Professional Services	\$175,000.00

[Play 953] Court Administrator Hunter makes a new money request from General Fund – 1000. President Steele opens meeting for public comment on this request. None made.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Jodi Norrick

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b>COURT ADMINISTRATION - JIM HUNTER</b>			
<b>NEW MONEY</b>			
<b><u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u></b>			
<b><u>Court Administration – 0225</u></b>			
	32000	Communication and Transportation	\$8,000.00



[Play 954] Tia Baker, Assistant Director of Madison County Community Corrections, makes a new money request from General Fund – 1000. President Steele opens meeting for public comment on this request. None made.

**Motion:** to approve new money requested.

**Moved:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Seconded:** Jodi Norrick

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

NEW MONEY			
MCCC - DAVID KANE			
NEW MONEY			
<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>			
<u>MCCC – 9603</u>			
	22000	Operating Supplies	\$72,000.00
	35000	Utilities	\$22,332.00
	36000	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,000.00

[Play 955] President Steele presents East Central Indiana Solid Waste District 2024 Budget to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve East Central Indiana Solid Waste District 2024 Budget as presented

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

[Play 956] President Steele presents Independence Fire 2024 Budget to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve Independence Fire 2024 Budget as presented

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

**Motion Passed, unanimously**

[Play 957] President Steele presents 2024 Madison County Budget to the Council and makes comments about the same.

**Motion:** to approve 2024 Madison County Budget as presented

**Moved:** Anthony Emery

**Seconded:** Ben Gale

[Play 958] Lengthy discussion had regarding budget as presented. It was agreed that proposed budget should be reviewed department by department.

[Play 1007] President calls 10 minute recess

[Play 1008] Meeting resumes with review of proposed budget and changes made to the same.

[Play 1045] **Motion:** to amend the proposed 2024 Madison County Budget to reflect changes made at this meeting.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Jodi Norrick

Roll Call Vote:

Yes –Councilman Vaughn, Councilwoman Keller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick and President Steele.

No – Councilman Emery and Councilwoman Likens.

**Motion Passed.**

[Play 1046] Motion previously made to approve proposed 2024 Madison County Budget before Council for vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes –Councilman Vaughn, Councilwoman Keller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick and President Steele.

No – Councilman Emery and Councilwoman Likens.

**Motion Passed.**

[Play 1047] President Steele indicates there are three (3) salary ordinances before the Council for first reading. He presents for first reading Salary Ordinance 2023-10C, General Fund, Sheriff (Overtime) to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve Salary Ordinance 2023-10C as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Anthony Emery

Roll Call Vote:

Yes –Councilman Vaughn, Councilman Emery, Councilwoman Likens, Councilwoman Keller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick and President Steele.

No – None.

**Motion Passed, unanimously. Ordinance passed on first reading.**

[Play 1048] President Steele presents for first reading Salary Ordinance 2023-10D, General Fund and STOP Grant Fund, Prosecutor, to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve Salary Ordinance 2023-10D as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

Roll Call Vote:

Yes –Councilman Vaughn, Councilman Emery, Councilwoman Likens, Councilwoman Keller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick and President Steele.

No – None.

**Motion Passed, unanimously. Ordinance passed on first reading.**

[Play 1049] President Steele presents for first reading Salary Ordinance 2023-10E, Health Fund, to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve Salary Ordinance 2023-10E as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

Roll Call Vote:

Yes –Councilman Vaughn, Councilman Emery, Councilwoman Likens, Councilwoman Keller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick and President Steele.

No – None.

**Motion Passed, unanimously. Ordinance passed on first reading.**

[Play 1050] President Steele indicates there are three (3) budget ordinances before the Council for first reading. He presents for first reading East Central Indiana Solid Waste District 2024 budget to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve East Central Indiana Solid Waste District Budget, Ordinance 2023-10F as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Jodi Norrick

Yes –Councilman Vaughn, Councilman Emery, Councilwoman Likens, Councilwoman Keller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick and President Steele.

No – None.

**Motion Passed, unanimously. Ordinance passed on first reading.**

[Play 1051] President Steele presents for first reading Independent Fire District 2024 budget to the Council.

**Motion:** to approve Independence Fire District Budget, Ordinance 2023-10G as presented.

**Moved:** Ben Gale

**Seconded:** Mikeal Vaughn

Roll Call Vote:

Yes –Councilman Vaughn, Councilman Emery, Councilwoman Likens, Councilwoman Keller, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Norrick and President Steele.

No – None.

**Motion Passed, unanimously. Ordinance passed on first reading.**

[Play 1052] President Steele presents Ordinance 2023-10H, Madison County Common Council 2024 budget, as approved earlier in this meeting, to Council for signature.

[Play 1053] Meeting opened for public comment. None made.

[Play 1054] **Meeting adjourned.**

**Next Council Meeting scheduled for November 14, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse.**