

County Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

[Play 968] *Meeting Called to Order by President*

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilwoman Norrick, Councilwoman Likens, Councilman Emery, Councilman Steele, Councilman Vaughn and President Gale. Councilwoman Keller was absent.

Also Present: Auditor Rick Gardner, Council Attorney Ted Nolting, and Chief Deputy Auditor Todd Culp.

[Play 970] *Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2024*

Motion: to approve minutes as presented

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion unanimously. Councilwoman Keller abstained.

[Play 971] *Approval of Agenda for meeting*

Motion: to approve agenda as presented

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion: to amend agenda so as to move public comment to top of agenda

Moved: Bethany Keller

Seconded: Jodi Norrick

Roll Call Vote:

Yes – Councilwoman Keller, Councilwoman Norrick and Councilman Vaughn

No – Councilwoman Likens, Councilman Emery, Councilman Steele and President Gale.

Motion Failed

Motion to Approve Agenda Passed. Councilwoman Keller and Councilwoman Norrick voted no.

[Play 972] President's comments made by President Gale.

[Play 973] Rick Gardner, Auditor, provides financial status report to Council.

[Play 975] Investment trust agreement and supplemental trust agreement for Madison County Police Retirement Plan, which have previously been approved by Council, are presented for signature.

[Play 976] Devin Scroggins, Board Member, Voters Registration, requests a transfer in the General Fund – 1000, Voter Registration – 0010.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Voters Registration.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Jodi Norrick

Motion Passed unanimously.

VOTER REGISTRATION – DEVIN SCROGGINS				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>		
<u>Voter Registration – 0010</u>				
	Transfer from:	15000	Part Time	(\$1,000.00)
	Transfer to:	36000	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,000.00

[Play 977] President Gale indicates that the County Agent is requesting a transfer in General Fund – 1000, County Agent – 0011.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of the County Agent.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Diana Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

COUNTY AGENT – JESSICA SCHOLER				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>		
<u>Co. Agent – 0011</u>				
	Transfer from:	21000	Office Supplies	(\$318.00)
	Transfer to:	44000	Machinery & Equipment	\$318.00

[Play 978] President Gale indicates the Human Resources Director is requesting a transfer in General Fund – 1000, Human Resources – 0117.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Human Resources.

Moved: Diana Likens

Seconded: Mikeal Vaughn

Motion Passed unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES – BEATRICE RAMEY				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>		
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<u>Human Resources – 0117</u>				
	Transfer from:	21000	Office Supplies	(\$1,000.00)
	Transfer to:	44000	Machinery & Equipment	\$1,000.00

[Play 979] President Gale indicates Juvenile Probation is requesting a transfer in General Fund – 1000, Juvenile Probation – 0273.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Juvenile Probation.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Diana Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

JUVENILE PROBATION – TRACI LANE				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>		
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<u>Juvenile Probation – 0273</u>				
	Transfer from:	11512	Probation Officer 3	(\$600.00)
	Transfer to:	11515	Probation Officer 6	\$600.00

[Play 981] John Beeman, Sheriff, requests a transfer in General Fund – 1000, Sheriff – 0273.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Sheriff.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed unanimously.

SHERIFF – JOHN BEEMAN				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>		
-				
<u>Sheriff – 0005</u>				
	Transfer from:	13901	Officer 16	(\$4,200.00)
	Transfer to:	15600	Beeper Stipend/On Call	\$4,200.00

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[Play 982] Sheriff Beeman requests a transfer in General Fund – 1000, Jail – 0380.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Jail.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed unanimously.

SHERIFF – JOHN BEEMAN				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>		
-				
<u>Jail– 0380</u>				
	Transfer from:	12902	Civilian Jail Officer 10	(\$2,740.00)
	Transfer to:	13701	Civilian Jail Officer 18	\$2,740.00

[Play 983] Betsy Baxter, Victim Assistance Division of Prosecutor’s Office, requests a transfer in Prosecutor Victim Advocate Fund – 9602.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of the Prosecutor.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed unanimously.

PROSECUTOR – RODNEY CUMMINGS				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>PROSECUTOR VICTIM ADVOCATE FUND – 9602</u>		
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	Transfer from:	22000	Operating Supplies	(\$90.93)
		31000	Professional Services	(\$300.00)
		32000	Communication & Transportation	(\$900.00)
		33000	Printing & Advertising	(\$335.86)
		39000	Other Services & Charges	(\$1,653.69)
	Transfer to:	21000	Office Supplies	\$1,940.48
		44000	Machinery & Equipment	\$1,340.00

[Play 984] Andrew Hanna, Chief Deputy Prosecutor, requests a transfer in Pre-Trial Diversion Fund - 2501.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of the Prosecutor.

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Mikeal Vaughn

Motion Passed unanimously.

PROSECUTOR – RODNEY CUMMINGS				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND – 2501</u>		
		-		
	Transfer from:	16161	FICA	(\$7,500.00)
		16162	PERF	(\$7,500.00)
	Transfer to:	11819	Supp. Deputy	\$14,925.00
		16300	Longevity	\$75.00

[Play 985] Stephenie Mellinger, Health Department Director, requests a transfer in Health Fund – 1159.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Health Department.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – STEPHENIE MELLINGER				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>HEALTH FUND – 1159</u>		
		-		
	Transfer from:	16163	Group Insurance	(\$4,000.00)
	Transfer to:	11914	Environmental Supervisor	\$2,000.00
		11718	Staff Nurse	\$2,000.00

[Play 986] President Gale indicates the Highway Department is requesting a transfer in Highway Fund – 1176.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of the Highway Department.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY – JESSICA BASTIN				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>HIGHWAY FUND – 1176</u>		
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	Transfer from:	11334	Data Analyst	(\$7,000.00)
	Transfer to:	15600	Beeper Stipend	\$7,000.00

[Play 987] Sulyn Wilkerson, Deputy Director of Central Dispatch, requests transfer a transfer in Central Dispatch Fund – 4921.

Motion: to approve the transfer requests of Central Dispatch.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH – JENNY CHAMBERS				
		TRANSFER		
		<u>CENTRAL DISPATCH FUND – 4921</u>		
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	Transfer from:	14323	Dispatcher 25	(\$15,700.00)
	Transfer to:	15315	Dispatcher 17	\$7,700.00
		14324	Dispatcher 26	\$5,000.00
		15000	Part Time	\$3,000.00

[Play 988] Sheriff Beeman, requests new money in Extradition Fund – 1155.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Sheriff.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Diana Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

SHERIFF – JOHN BEEMAN			
		NEW MONEY – MISC. FUND	
		<u>EXTRADITION FUND – 1155</u>	
-			
	39070	Extradition	\$6,081.22

[Play 989] Sheriff Beeman, requests new money in Sheriff Victim Advocate Fund – 8171.

Motion: to approve the transfer request of Sheriff.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn
Seconded: Anthony Emery
Motion Passed unanimously.

SHERIFF – JOHN BEEMAN			
	NEW MONEY – MISC. FUND		
	<u>SHERIFF VICTIM ADVOCATE FUND – 8171</u>		
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	14904	Victim Advocate 2	\$28,429.35
	14905	Victim Advocate 3	\$37,643.72
	15600	Beeper Stipend	\$2,600.00
	16161	FICA	\$2,879.74

[Play 990] Betsy Baxter, Director of Victim Advocate Division of Prosecutor’s Office, requests new money in the STOP Grant Fund – 8199.

Motion: to approve new money request in the STOP Grant Fund – 8199.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn
Seconded: Anthony Emery
Motion Passed unanimously

PROSECUTOR – RODNEY CUMMINGS			
	NEW MONEY – MISC. FUND		
	<u>STOP GRANT FUND – 8199</u>		
	-		
	11002	Director	\$5,590.57
	11023	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 3	\$20,582.04
	11145	Bilingual Advocate	\$25,664.30
	14903	Victim Advocate	\$33,774.29
	16161	FICA	\$4,974.73
	21000	Office Supplies	\$850.00
	31000	Professional Services	\$500.00
	32000	Communication & Transportation	\$4,367.60
	37000	Rentals	\$250.00
	39000	Other Services & Charges	\$26,332.05

[Play 991] Commissioners requests new money in the ARPA Fund – 8950.

Motion: to approve transfer request in the ARPA Fund – 8950.

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Mikeal Vaughn

Motion Passed. Councilwoman Keller voted no.

COMMISSIONERS – JESSICA BASTIN			
	NEW MONEY – MISC. FUND		
	<u>ARPA FUND – 8950</u>		
	-		
	39000	Other Services & Charges	\$622,000.00

[Play 992] Sheriff Beeman requests new money in General Fund – 1000, Sheriff – 0005 and Jail – 0380.

Motion: to approve new money request in General Fund – 1000, Sheriff – 0005 and Jail – 0380.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Bethany Keller

President Gale opens meeting for public comment on this request.

[Play 993] Katherine Callahan makes comments.

[Play 994] Lisa Rinker makes comments.

Motion: to temporarily remove President Gale as President of the Council for the remainder of this meeting.

Moved: Bethany Keller

Motion dies for lack of second.

[Play 995] Cheryl McKinney makes comments.

[Play 996] David Sargent makes comments.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No – Councilwoman Likens.

Motion Passed.

SHERIFF/JAIL – JOHN BEEMAN			
	NEW MONEY		
	<u>GENERAL FUND – 1000</u>		
	-		
	<u>Sheriff – 0005</u>		

		15000	Part Time	\$112,000.00
		16800	Overtime	\$113,000.00
		24000	Other Supplies	\$16,600.00
		32000	Communications & Transportation	\$6,000.00
		44000	Machinery & Equipment	\$28,288.00
		16800	Overtime	\$116,000.00

[Play 997] Tom Ecker, County Administrator, makes new money request in General Fund – 1000, Commissioners – 0068.

Motion: to approve the new money request of the Commissioners, as presented.

Moved: Anthony Emery

President Gale opens meeting for public comment on this request.

[Play 998] Brianna Davis makes comments.

[Play 999] Katherine Callahan makes comments.

Motion: to table the new money request of the Commissioners until the November meeting of the Council.

Moved: Jodi Norrick

Seconded: Mikeal Vaughn

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1000] Adam Matson, Coroner, makes new money request in General Fund – 1000, Coroner – 0007.

Motion: to approve the new money request of the Coroner, as presented.

Moved: Jodi Norrick

Seconded: Mikeal Vaughn

President Gale opens meeting for public comment on this request.

[Play 1001] Katherine Callahan makes comments.

[Play 1002] David Sargent makes comments.

Motion Passed unanimously.

CORONER – ADAM MATSON			
	NEW MONEY		
	GENERAL FUND – 1000		

Coroner – 0007				
		31000	Professional Services	\$60,000.00

[Play 1003] Rick Gardner, Auditor, requests a reduction in appropriation in General Fund – 1000, for Longevity – 16300 in multiple departments.

Motion: to approve the request for reduction in appropriation in Longevity – 16300 for multiple departments, as presented.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

President Gale opens meeting for public comment on this request. No one appears to make comment.

Motion Passed unanimously.

AUDITOR – RICK GARDNER				
	NEW MONEY			
	GENERAL FUND – 1000			
Auditor – Multiple Departments				
		16300	Longevity	(\$20,800.00)

[Play 1004] President Gale indicates there are six (6) salary ordinances before the Council for first reading. He presents for first reading Salary Ordinance 2024-10C, Juvenile Probation, to the Council.

Motion: to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-10C as presented.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed, unanimously. Ordinance passed on first reading.

[Play 1005] President Gale brings Salary Ordinance 2024-10D, Sheriff/Jail, before Council for first reading.

Motion: to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-10D for Sheriff/Jail.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed at first reading by unanimous vote.

[Play 1006] President Gale brings Salary Ordinance 2024-10E, Prosecutor, before Council for first reading.

Motion: to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-10E for Prosecutor.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed at first reading by unanimous vote.

[Play 1007] President Gale brings Salary Ordinance 2024-10F, Health Department, before Council for first reading.

Motion: to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-10F for Health Department.

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Mikeal Vaughn

Motion Passed at first reading by unanimous vote.

[Play 1008] President Gale brings Salary Ordinance 2024-10G, Highway, before Council for first reading.

Motion: to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-10G for Highway.

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Mikeal Vaughn

Motion Passed at first reading by unanimous vote.

[Play 1009] President Gale brings Salary Ordinance 2024-10H, Central Dispatch, before Council for first reading.

Motion: to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-10H for Dispatch.

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed at first reading by unanimous vote.

[Play 1011] President Gale indicates that as a part of the budget process, there was an objection filed last month by a taxpayer. Councilman Emery reads the objection received into the record.

Motion: to issue findings that the objections to the 2025 proposed Coroner's budget are not financially responsible and not requested by the Coroner.

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Diana Likens

Motion Passed. Councilwoman Keller voted no.

[Play 1012] President Gale presents East Central Indiana Solid Waste District 2025 Budget to the Council.

Motion: to approve Ordinance 2024-10I, East Central Indiana Solid Waste District 2025 Budget, as presented

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed. Councilwoman Keller voted no.

[Play 1013] President Gale presents Independence Fire 2025 Budget to the Council.

Motion: to approve Ordinance 2024-10J, Independence Fire 2025 Budget, as presented

Moved: Mikeal Vaughn

Seconded: Anthony Emery

Motion Passed. Councilwoman Keller voted no.

[Play 1014] President Gale presents 2025 Madison County Budget to the Council. Todd Culp, Chief Deputy Auditor provides information about budget ordinance is generated and what happens when changes are made to budget at meeting where budget is adopted. President Gale makes comments and introduces Ordinance 2024-10K.

Motion: to approve Ordinance 2024-10K, 2025 Madison County Budget, as presented

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Diana Likens

[Play 1016] Discussion initiated. President Gale presents a balanced budget that he has created for discussion. Councilwoman Norrick makes comments about projected revenue stream. President Gale goes through his proposed balanced amended 2025 budget.

[Play 1039] President calls short recess.

[Play 1041] President reconvenes meeting. President Gale outlines the procedure by which they will make changes to the proposed budget utilizing the adoption meeting column on the budget spreadsheet. Council discussed budgets and proposed changes were made in adoption meeting column of budget spreadsheet.

[Play 1060] **Motion:** to approve the 2025 Budget Ordinance, amended to show the changes shown in the 2025 adoption meeting column of the General fund budget spreadsheet.

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Diana Likens

[Play 1061] **Motion:** to amend the 2025 Budget Ordinance to show the changes shown in the 2025 adoption meeting column of the General Fund spreadsheet, and further amend the Miscellaneous Funds proposed budgets by removing any new salary raises requested therein.

Moved: Jodi Norrick

Motion dies for lack of second.

[Play 1064] **Motion:** to amend the 2025 Budget Ordinance to show the changes shown in the 2025 adoption meeting column of the General fund budget spreadsheet and the changes highlighted in the Public Safety Fund.

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Diana Likens

[Play 1065] **Motion:** to amend the 2025 Budget Ordinance to show the changes shown in the 2025 adoption meeting column of the General Fund spreadsheet, amend the Public Safety Fund

budget with highlighted changes and further amend the Miscellaneous Funds proposed budgets by removing any new salary raises requested therein.

Moved: Jodi Norrick

Seconded: Bethany Keller

Roll Call Vote:

Yes – Councilwoman Keller, Councilwoman Norrick and Councilman Vaughn.

No – Councilwoman Likens, Councilman Emery, Councilman Steele, and President Gale

Motion failed.

[Play 1066] Roll Call Vote on Motion to amend made by Councilman Emery to:

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

No – Councilman Vaughn.

Motion passed.

[Play 1067] Roll Call Vote on to approve Ordinance 2024-10K as amended made by Councilman Emery to:

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

No – Councilman Vaughn.

Motion passed.

[Play 1068] President Gale opens meeting for public comment.

[Play 1069] **Motion:** to suspend the 15 minute time limit for public comment so that more than 5 people will be allowed to make comment for this meeting only.

Moved: Bethany Keller

Seconded: Jodi Norrick

Motion passed.

[Play 1070] David Sargent makes comments.

[Play 1071] Lorene White makes comments.

[Play 1072] Taylor Mason makes comments.

[Play 1073] Michael Klein makes comments.

[Play 1075] President Gale clarified that approval of the Ordinances for the 2025 Budgets East Central Indiana Solid Waste District and Independent Fire District earlier in the meeting, was final approval, as this was second reading for those budgets.

[Play 1077] **Motion:** to adjourn

Moved: Anthony Emery

Seconded: Diana Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

Next Council Meeting scheduled for November 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse.