

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**  
Regular Meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The regular scheduled meeting of the Clark County Council was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Council President Barbara Hollis.

Those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll call showed members present and absent as follows:

Present	Absent
Barbara Hollis (1st District)	
Ron Grooms (2nd District)	
Brian Lenfert (3rd District)	
Steve Doherty (4th District)	
Kevin Vissing (At Large)	
David Abbott (At Large)	
John Miller (At Large)	

Also present were Council Attorney Maxwell McCrite, Auditor Danny Yost, and Chief Deputy Auditor Lindsey Wilmoth.

Councilperson Hollis offered the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council minutes. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented. Councilperson Abbott seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis requested any amendments that need to be made to the agenda. There were no amendments. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Doherty motioned to acknowledge a receipt of the fund's report provided by the Auditor's office. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

Public Comments: Kaitlyn Blessitt – "I wanted to put on the record that I would appreciate you all trying to expedite live streaming for the Council meetings. I went to the River Ridge meeting and they approved some things that will help get that going before the Summer 2025 deadline. I attended the first EMS Committee meeting and that they are pushing for a

County based EMS solution. I feel like there is a disconnect between the Council, the Commissioners, and the Committee on what the plan is for the future. I just want you all to take that option seriously because it is a two-year process to get it up and running. That is especially true if anything happens to our current EMS contract. It would be great for some of you to attend those meetings. There is one tomorrow at the 911 operation building at 1pm.” Kaitlyn thanked the Council for their time.

Judge Vicki Carmichael – “I spoke with Judge Lisa Glickfield who couldn’t attend tonight. I do not have a request for tonight but for the next meeting, we are requesting that we be allowed to hire a Bailiff for each court room for court room security. We are still discussing if they would be Sheriff or Court employees. We would like to have more discussion and would like to include the Council in those.” Vicki thanked the Council for their time.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Health Board Appointment. Motion by Councilperson Hollis to appoint Harold Gough to the Health Board. Seconded by Councilperson Lenfert. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Tri-Township Fire Protection discussion. Keith Pulliam was here to represent the Tri-Township Fire Protection. Keith attended a Council meeting in September 2022 when they acquired the ground to construct the new Fire Headquarters. He is here tonight to ask for the approval of the financing for the new Fire Headquarters. This is Resolution 11-2024 which is a Resolution approving the Financing for the Fire Headquarters for the Tri-Township Fire Protection. This is a twenty-year bond. Councilperson Grooms had a few questions for Keith, “Who will own the ground, the land, and the equipment? I haven’t been on the Council long and want to understand the structure of the Tri-Township.” Keith responded, “Yes, the Tri-Township Fire Protection District in 2019 began operating its own municipal department. It owns the station; the fire trucks and it has its own capital asset ledger. They will form a building corporation to own the station and then the lease payments will fund the financing for construction and at the end it goes back to the Fire Protection District.” Motion by Councilperson Grooms to approve Resolution 11-2024. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

LeeAnne Howe, the Clark County Human Resources Director, presented the Clark County Handbook. The Clark County handbook will be effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the Clark County Handbook. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Clark County Assessor’s Discussion Regarding Assessments and Appraisals. The Clark County Assessor, Butch Love, was here to represent the Assessor’s Office during the discussion. State Legislation has changed the way property Assessors in Indiana must value residential rental property with more than four rental units, including apartments, at the lowest of the three traditional approaches to value – cost, sales

comparison, and income capitalization – regardless of an appraiser’s reconciled opinion of the property’s market value. This new legislation is not part of the original reassessment contract. The bill for the additional scope of work outside of the contract is in the amount of \$30,500.00. Councilperson Lenfert stated, “The additional appropriation should be out of the Reassessment fund because there is enough of a surplus that it can handle the appropriation. If you aren’t going to incur any cost for the rest of the year, you can come to request for additional appropriation at the next meeting. Moving forward, can you include that in your budget proposal for 2025.”

County Attorney R. Scott Lewis, representing the County Commissioners, presented a GO Landfill Bond Ordinance, and a Landfill Bond Additional Appropriation Ordinance. The Go Landfill Bond is Ordinance 11-2024. The Landfill Bond Additional Appropriation is Ordinance 12-2024. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to introduce Ordinance 11-2024 and Ordinance 12-2024. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

County Attorney R. Scott Lewis, representing the County Commissioners, presented an additional appropriation request. The request of additional appropriation is in the ARP fund in the amounts of \$1,000,000.00 for Henryville Membership Sanitation and \$327,565.00 for Borden-Sellersburg Wastewater Project. Motion by Councilperson Doherty to approve the request of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

County Attorney R. Scott Lewis, representing the Clark County Surveyor, presented an additional appropriation. The additional appropriation request is in the Enhanced GIS Access Services fund in the amount of \$600.00 for Computer Software/Hardware. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the request of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Vissing. Motion approved 7-0.

Connie Sellers, representing Planning & Zoning, presented the request of a Salary Ordinance. The request of a Salary Ordinance is in the Planning & Zoning Fees fund in the amount of \$29,196.91. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the request of a Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

Tom Lowe, the Clark County Courts Administrator, presented the requests of additional appropriations and a reduction of appropriation. The first request of additional appropriation is in the County General fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Interpreter. The second request of additional appropriation is in the OVWI Court10k fund in the amount of \$3,600.00 for Treatment Intervention. The third request of additional appropriation is in the CCATS Project Income #2 fund in the amounts of \$5,000.00 for Drug Testing and \$5,000.00 for Supplies. The request of a reduction of appropriation is in the Vet Court 10k fund in the amount of \$-1,896.80 for Contract Services. The fourth and final request of additional appropriation is in the JDAI #2 fund in the amounts of \$3,750.00 for Food, \$600.00 for Supplies, \$10,650.00 for Travel, \$7,500.00 for Court Probation Programs, \$1,000.00 for Promotions, \$27,000.00 for Education/Prevention, and \$12,000.00 for Treatment Intervention. Motion by Councilperson Miller to approve the requests

of additional appropriations and a reduction of appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Vissing. Motion approved 7-0.

Doug Bentfield, representing the Clark County Health Department, presented the request of a transfer of appropriation. The request of a transfer of appropriation is in the 93.074 Public Health Prep fund in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Equipment to Supplies. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the request of a transfer of appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Abbott. Motion approved 7-0.

Danny Yost, the Clark County Auditor, presented the requests of an additional appropriation. The request of an additional appropriation is in the Auditor Endorsement fund in the amount of \$39,600.00 for Contract Services. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the request of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Doherty. Motion approved 7-0.

Danny Yost, the Clark County Auditor, presented the requests of two Salary Ordinances. The first request of a Salary Ordinance is in the County General fund in the amount of \$4,217.16 for Chief Deputy Auditor – Temporary. The second request of a Salary Ordinance is in the Auditor’s Ineligible Deductions in the amount of \$449.69 for Chief Deputy Auditor – Temporary. Motion by Councilperson Miller to approve the requests of two Salary Ordinances. Seconded by Councilperson Lenfert. Motion approved 7-0.

Lindsey Wilmoth, the Chief Deputy of the Auditor’s Office, presented the Budget discussion. June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is when the Budget forms are due to the Auditor. The Council recommended that the department heads include 4% raises as a guide.

No Reports. No Public Comments. No Attorney Comments. No Auditor Comments. No Council Comments. Councilperson Doherty motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THOSE FUNDS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024**

WHEREAS, certain extraordinary conditions have developed since the adoption of the existing annual budget so that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget.

Section I. BE IT ORDAINED by the Clark County Council of Clark County, Indiana that for expenses of Clark County government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are herein specified subject to the law governing the same, such sum herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures provided by law.

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Section II. THAT for the fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the various funds herein for the following specified amounts to meet such extraordinary emergencies which are declared to exist.

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
<b>Clark County Commissioners- Bryan Glover</b>			
<b>ARP</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
8950-40157-030 Henryville Membership Sanitation			
	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	7-0
8950-40159-030 Borden-Sellersburg Wastewater Project			
	\$327,565.00	\$327,565.00	7-0
<b>Enhanced GIS Access Services</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
4964-40010-030 Computer Software/Hardware	\$600.00	\$600.00	7-0
<b>Clark County Courts-Tom Lowe</b>			
<b>County General</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
1000-31019-375 Interpreter	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	7-0
<b>OVWI Court 10K</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
8230-36001-302 Treatment Intervention	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	7-0
<b>CCATS Project Income #2</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
1128-30015-302 Drug Testing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	7-0
1128-20060-302 Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	7-0
<b>Vet Court 10k</b>			
<b>Reduction of Appropriation</b>			
8235-30051-302 Contract Services	\$-1,896.80	\$-1,896.80	7-0
<b>JDAI #2</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
9157-20043-041 Food	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	7-0
9157-20060-041 Supplies	\$600.00	\$600.00	7-0
9157-30013-041 Travel	\$10,650.00	\$10,650.00	7-0
9157-30117-041 Court Probation Programs	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	7-0
9157-31017-041 Promotions	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	7-0
9157-36000-041 Education/Prevention	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	7-0
9157-36001-041 Treatment Intervention	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	7-0
<b>Clark County Auditor-Danny Yost</b>			
<b>Auditor Endorsement Fund</b>			

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<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
1181-30051-002 Contract Services	\$39,600.00	\$39,600.00	7-0

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING  
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE NO. 14-2024**

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
<b>Clark County Health Department- Doug Bentfield</b>			
<b>93.074 Public Health Prep.</b>			
<b>Transfer of Appropriation</b>			
From: 8212-40014-071 Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0
To: 8212-20060-071 Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING SALARY  
AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

**FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024  
AMENDMENT NO. 5**

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
<b>Planning and Zoning-Connie Sellers</b>			
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Fees Fund</b>			
<b>Salary Ordinance</b>			
Executive Director	\$29,196.91	\$29,196.91	7-0
<b>County General</b>			
<b>Salary Ordinance</b>			
Chief Deputy Auditor-Temporary	\$4,217.16	\$4,217.16	7-0
<b>Auditor's Ineligible Deductions</b>			
<b>Salary Ordinance</b>			
Chief Deputy Auditor-Temporary	\$449.69	\$449.69	7-0

Members of the Clark County Council

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Kevin Vissing

[Signature]

Barbara Hollis

Brian Janssen

Shirley Doherty

[Signature]

Ronald S. Brown

Attest: Danny Yost

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

