

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
Regular Meeting of October 19, 2020

The regular scheduled meeting of the Clark County Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Councilperson 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)	Brittany Ferree (3rd District)
Janne Newland (2nd District)	
Steve Doherty (4th District)	
Kevin Vissing (At Large)	
Brian Lenfert (At Large)	
Dr. Tony Bennett (At Large)	

Also present was Chief Deputy Auditor Jessica Huffman. Council Attorney Max McCrite and Auditor Danny Yost were absent.

President Hollis requested proof of the Notice of Taxpayers of the additional appropriations listed on the agenda. Councilperson Hollis stated for the record that although Attorney Max McCrite is not present at the meeting, publication of the Notice of Taxpayers ran in the Evening News ten (10) days prior to this meeting as required by I.C.6-1.11-18-5 and advised the council to proceed.

Councilperson Doherty offered the August 10, 2020, Regular Council minutes. Councilperson Newland motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020. Councilperson Bennett seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilperson Hollis requested any amendments to the agenda. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilperson Doherty motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the fund's report provided by the Auditor's office. Councilperson Newland seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comments:

Heidi Sellers, of Memphis, Indiana, commented that she would like to learn the way the ambulances are being broken down on the new EMS Proposal and that she will be listening carefully to see who will be on the ambulances when responding to emergencies.

Brandy Brewer, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, commented that her primary concern with the new EMS Proposal is that a privately run entity will be in charge of the services. She would like to make sure that the company selected will be able to be held accountable.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Clark County Council 2021 Budget Adoption. Councilperson Lenfert stated that he has sent copies of the budget to each council member as it has been updated. The budget is 2.1% more than the 2020 budget. The DLGF allowed for a 4.6% increase in the levy. Therefore, the county is below the revenue increase projection provided by the DLGF. There are two new courts that are expected in mid-2021, that were not included in the budget or requested by the Courts. Councilperson Lenfert expects a hit to the revenue in 2022, due to COVID-19. Councilperson Hollis requested any public comments. There were no public comments. Councilperson Bennett acknowledged the work Councilperson Lenfert has put into the budget, since he has been on the Council. Councilperson Bennett motioned to approve Ordinance 26-2020, an ordinance approving the adoption of the Clark County 2021 Budget. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Jack Coffman presented the request for additional appropriations in 1186 for Contract Services. These funds will subsidize New Chapel EMS, for ambulance services that they provide, for the remainder of 2020. Dr. Yazel, with the Health Department, stated that the EMS proposal that was selected was done so by a unanimous decision from the Health Department, the 911 Board, and the EMS Subcommittee. Billy Scott, Clark County Coroner, stated that he supports the decision 100%. Commissioner Coffman stated that he approves of the process that was taken to make the decision and the Commissioners voted to accept the recommendation. Attorney Scott Lewis stated that agreement that Clark County has with New Chapel subjects New Chapel to all federal and state laws and covers all legal requirements. Councilperson Lenfert pointed out that the ambulance services have always been provided by private entities. New Chapel has already been providing services for half of the county, now they will provide services for the entire county. Matt Owen, with New Chapel, discussed their plan for locations of ambulances and how each unit will be staffed and prepared for emergencies. Councilperson Bennett explained that it was the Commissioners job to approve the contract, the Council's job is to appropriate the money for the contract. The council has an obligation to fund the safety of the community. Councilperson Bennett motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1186. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Councilperson Newland questioned why a contract is being established in the middle of the year. Commissioner Coffman explained that an Interlocal Agreement must be drafted to get all municipalities on board for funding. It was important for the safety of the community to get the contract with New Chapel established quickly. Commissioner Coffman has called all of the town managers, except for one, and they

are on board with the interlocal agreement. If a municipality chooses not to participate, adjustments will have to be made to contribution amounts. Dr. Yazel explained that the Health Department did put out an RFP for the ambulance contract, but they only took proposals from two services who could rapidly respond, due to the emergence of the situation. Councilperson Hollis questioned whether the contract was detailed enough and if there was a plan going forward. Commissioner Coffman explained that the contract that was approved is only a three-month contract. It is abbreviated in order to get coverage for the county in a timely manner. Councilperson Newland asked how many people were on the EMS Subcommittee. Dr. Yazel explained that there were 5 on the EMS Subcommittee and 15-20 on the 911 Board. Heidi Sellers asked if the ambulances will have a paramedic with them. She was told that Tri-township will be providing a driver. Matt Owen explained that Tri-township has an additional contract, separate from this one, that will work in conjunction with their fire department to serve their area only. Brandy Brewer stated that she understands the urgency of the situation, she just wants to make sure everyone is being informed of what is happening. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Jack Coffman presented the following requests: additional appropriations in 1138 for Bethany Road; additional appropriations in 1176 for Salt; additional appropriations in 1169 for Contract Services and Bituminous; additional appropriations in 9139 for Contract Services; additional appropriations in 4916 for Contract Services and Supplies; and a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from Utilities to Equipment. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1138, 1176, 1169, 9139, and 4916; and the transfer of appropriations in 1000. Councilperson Bennett seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Diane Shahroudi, with the Sheriff's Department, presented the requests for additional appropriations in 1170 for Contract Services and a transfer of appropriations in 1156 from Equipment to Training. Councilperson Newland motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1170 and the transfer of appropriations in 1156. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the request from Community Corrections for a transfer of appropriations in 1122 from Personal Services to Equipment. Councilperson Bennett motioned to approve the transfer of appropriations in 1122. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the request from the Courts for additional appropriations in 1000 for Equipment and Computer Software. This will be reimbursed by the CARES Act. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1000. Councilperson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Clerk Susan Popp presented the request for additional appropriations in 1000 for Personal Services, FICA/Medicare, Supplies, and Contract Services and the request for a transfer of

appropriations in 1119 from Supplies to Contract Services. The request for additional appropriations is due to extra staffing and supplies that are needed to help with early voting and absentee voting. The transfer of appropriations will be used for digitizing records. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1000 and the transfer of appropriations in 1119. Councilperson Newland seconded. Motion approved 6-0. Motion carried 6-0.

Doug Bentfield, with the Health Department, withdrew the request of additional appropriations in 9203, then he presented the requests for a transfer of appropriations in 1168 from Training to Group Insurance and a transfer of appropriations in 1168 from Medical Supplies to Insurance. Councilperson Newland motioned to approve the transfer of appropriations in 1168. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Jessica Huffman, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented the request for additional appropriations in 1000 for Personal Services. This will be used to make up the difference caused by having 27 pay days in 2020. Councilperson Bennett motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1000. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented the Ordinances Approving the 2021 Budget for each Binding Unit. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the following: Ordinance 19-2020 Jeff Flood Control, Ordinance 20-2020 for Charlestown Fire Protection District, Ordinance 21-2020 for Tri-Township Fire Protection District, Ordinance 22-2020 for Monroe Township Fire Protection District, Ordinance 23-2020 for Utica Township Fire Protection District, Ordinance 24-2020 for New Washington Fire Protection District, and Ordinance 25-2020 for Clark County Solid Waste. Councilperson Hollis requested any public comments. There were no public comments Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve Ordinance 19-2020, Ordinance 20-2020, Ordinance 21-2020, Ordinance 22-2020, Ordinance 23-2020, Ordinance 24-2020, and Ordinance 25-2020. Councilperson Bennett seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney Max McCrite praised Susan Popp, Clerk, and Dr. Yazel for their hard work this year.

Attorney Max McCrite asked about the workshop for Riverboat. There will be a joint workshop with the Commissioners on November 12, 2020 from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm.

Auditor Danny Yost stated that the wrong minutes were approved at the beginning of the meeting. The September 21, 2020 minutes should have been approved, not the August 10, 2020 minutes. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilperson Newland motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**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. 27-2020.**

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, 2018, 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.

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
Clark County Commissioners			
Rainy Day			
1186-30051-030 Contract Services	175,000.00	175,000.00	6-0
Clark County Cum Capital			
1138-40047-030 Bethany Road	200,000.00	200,000.00	6-0
Highway			
1176-20046-063 Salt	35,000.00	35,000.00	6-0
Local Road and Street			
1169-30051-060 Contract Services	240,000.00	240,000.00	6-0
1169-20080-060 Bituminous	180,000.00	180,000.00	6-0
Community Crossings Grant			
9139-30051-060 Contract Services	74,215.50	74,215.50	6-0
Donation Fund			
4916-30051-030 Contract Services	500.00	500.00	6-0
4916-20060-030 Supplies	500.00	500.00	6-0

Clark County Sheriff

LIT Public Safety

1170-30051-032 Contract Services 38,409.50 38,409.50 6-0

Clark County Circuit Court Carmichael

County General

1000-40014-302 Equipment 1,704.00 1,704.00 6-0

1000-40010-302 Computer Software 1,410.00 1,410.00 6-0

Clark County Clerk Susan Popp

County General

1000-11107-025 Personal Services 7,003.50 7,003.50 6-0

1000-11171-025 FICA/Medicare 540.00 540.00 6-0

1000-20060-025 Supplies 4,600.00 4,600.00 6-0

1000-30051-025 Contract Services 15,200.00 15,200.00 6-0

Clark County Health Dept

The Interchange

9203-20035-071 Medical Supplies 5,000.00 WITHDRAWN

Clark County Soil and Water Conservation

County General

1000-11107-048 Personal Services 47.60 47.60 6-0

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 28-2020**

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
Clark County Commissioners			
From: 1000-30046-057 Utilities			
To: 1000-40014-057 Equipment	23,000.00	23,000.00	6-0
Clark County Sheriff			
Firearms Training			
From: 1156-40014-005 Equipment	7,000.00	7,000.00	6-0
To: 1156-30017-005 Training			

**Community Corrections
Community Corrections Project Income**

From: 1122-11107-090 Personal Services

To: 1122-40014-090 Equipment 3,500.00 3,500.00 6-0

Clark County Clerk

Clerk's Record Perpetuation

From: 1119-20060-001 Supplies

To: 1119-30051-001 Contract Services 15,000.00 15,000.00 7-0

Clark County Health Dept

Local Health Maintenance

From: 1168-30017-071 Training

To: 1168-11173-071 Group Insurance 4,000.00 4,000.00 7-0

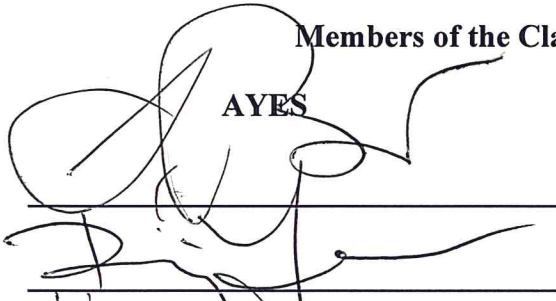
From: 1168-20035-071 Medical Supplies

To: 1168-11173-071 Insurance 1,600.00 1,600.00 7-0

Members of the Clark County Council

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Kevin Dising

Brian Jeffrey

Jane Newland

Barbara Hollis

Attest:



Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 9th day of November, 2020