CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
Regular Meeting of July 14, 2025

Roll call showed members present and absent as follows:

Present:
Councilperson Williams-Hampton
Councilperson Grooms
Councilperson Lenfert
Councilperson Doherty
Councilperson Fox
Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Councilperson Blevins

Absent:

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1. **Open Meeting-**

   Councilperson Lenfert opened the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting at 6:03pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Invocation**

   Those in attendance remained standing for the invocation.

4. **Proof of Publication**

   Council Attorney Max McCrite confirmed proof of publication.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Seconded By Councilperson Fox
Motion to approve meeting minutes

Carried (7 to 0)

6. **Agenda Amendments and Approval**

Moved By Councilperson Doherty
Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried (7 to 0)

7. **Acknowledge Receipt of Funds Report**

The Council acknowledged the receipt of the funds report.

8. **Public Comment by Sign-In Sheet, 3 Minute Limit**

There was no one signed up for public comment.

9. **New Business**

a. **The Wheatley Group on Behalf of Sellersburg Heating and Air Conditioning Inc.**

a.a **Request for property tax abatement**

Evan Shive, with the Wheatley Group, and Joe Russell, with Sellersburg Heating and Air Conditioning Inc, discussed the request for a tax abatement for real and personal property. Mr. Russell explained that his company is planning for an expansion as detailed in the Statement of Benefits. His company has been in Clark County since 1989. A tax abatement would be on the increased assessed value due to the expansion and would allow the new taxes to be paid incrementally.

Councilperson Doherty asked if this was something that could be tabled until next month, so that the council has time to review. Mr. Russell explained that there is a time constriction to tariff related cost increases. Councilperson Blevins agreed with Councilperson Doherty, stating that he would like to table the request to think about it and that he would not be forced to make a decision at this meeting.

Moved By Councilperson Doherty
Seconded By Councilperson Fox
Motion to table the abatement request, so that the council has more time to review.

Carried (7 to 0)

Councilperson Grooms stated that he believes that this request is what tax abatement is all about and an ideal situation.

b. Scottie Maples, Sheriff

Sheriff Scottie Maples presented the quarterly Commissary Report for quarter ending 6-30-2025.

b.a Request for additional appropriation in County General

1000-30083-032 Care of Inmates $10,400.00

Diane Shahroudi, with the Sheriff's Department, explained that this is for a care of an inmate as ordered by the court that cannot be handled within the jail. The inmate who is under care has been in the jail for a long time and the sheriff does not have a date that he expects this inmate to be released.

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Seconded By Councilperson Fox
Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriation in County General as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

c. Doug Bentfield, Health Department

Patti Smith was in attendance on behalf of the Health Department.

c.a Request for additional appropriations in VIP-FSSA Opioid

9216-30051-720-071 Contract Services-Family Arch $316,800.00

Councilperson Fox asked for more information regarding this grant. This is an FSSA Grant for Opioid related services. The county provided a match from the County's Opioid Fund when the grant was first awarded from FSSA. There has been an issue with the grant contract, but now that the contract has been received, the money needs to be appropriated according to the grant contract.

Moved By Councilperson Blevins
Seconded By Councilperson Doherty
Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in VIP-FSSA Opioid as requested.

Conflict (1): Councilperson Fox

Carried (6 to 0)

d. Danny Yost, Auditor

Moved By Councilperson Doherty
Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Motion to table the request for additional appropriations in County General and to approve the requests for additional appropriations out of Auditor's Ineligible Deductions and Auditor Non-Reverting as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

d.a Request for additional appropriations in County General

1000-30031-031 Schools_Conferences $2,000.00
On behalf of Council

Councilperson Doherty asked if this item could be paid from 1217, the County Elected Officials Training Fund.

d.b **Request for additional appropriations in the Auditors Ineligible Deductions Fund**

1216-30051-002 Contract Services $168,249.35

d.c **Request for additional appropriations in Auditor Non-Reverting**

4900-11173-002 Group Insurance $150.00

e. Clark County Coroner

e.a **Request for additional appropriations in County General**

1000-30024-007 Vehicle Maintenance $6,659.21

Billy Scott, with the Coroner's Office, explained that this request is to appropriate funds received from the County's Insurance company for the repair of the Coroner's vehicle that was damaged by a hail storm.

Moved By Councilperson Fox
Seconded By Councilperson Grooms
Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in County General as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

f. Clark County Commissioners

f.a **Request for additional appropriations in the Opioid Restricted Fund**

1237-30051-030 Contract Services $182,122.40

Commissioner Bryan Glover explained that this request is fulfil a Subrecipient Agreement with Thrive from the Opioid Restricted Fund.

Moved By Councilperson Grooms
Seconded By Councilperson Doherty
Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in the Opioid Restricted Fund as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

g. Ryan Lynch, County Clerk

Ryan Lynch explained that both of his requests would be used to pay for a re-design of his office that would provide additional security. The Clerk's Office has large sums of money in their office on any given day. Mr. Lynch did speak with the state and get approval for a portion of the cost to come from 8899 which is a highly restricted IV-D Fund.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that he would like to see the request for $24,600.48 be discussed with the Commissioners to determine if it could be paid our of 1138, Cum Cap, as this is a more appropriate fund for this type of expense.

Mr. Lynch stated that the funding out of 8899 would still be allowable, no matter where the $24,600.48 is appropriated and paid.

Moved By Councilperson Fox
Seconded By Councilperson Doherty
Motion to table the request for additional appropriations in County General and to approve the request for additional appropriations in 93.563 Clerk IVD Inc-Post '99 as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

g.a Request for additional appropriations in County General

1000-40002-001 Capital Repairs $24,600.48

g.b Request for additional appropriations in 93.563 Clerk IVD Inc-Post '99

8899-40002-001 Capital Repairs $3,688.94

h. Tracy Keith, Juvenile Detention

Tracy Keith, with Juvenile Detention, explained that the amount being requested in Juv Det Project Income is the amount that Juvenile Detention has billed and therefore will be receipted into this fund. They are requesting that the appropriations for Part-Time hourly be retroactive in order to ensure that there will be enough funds to cover payroll expenses through the end of the year. Juvenile Detention is struggling to keep staff and therefore having to pay increased overtime to current staff. They are currently down 3 full time

employees. The positions are posted but there has been difficulty finding individuals to fill those spots.

The amount requested in JDAI-Juv. Det. Alt. Init. is to appropriate grant funds that have been received.

Moved By Councilperson Blevins
Seconded By Councilperson Fox
Motion to approve all requests listed under Tracy Keith, Juvenile Detention as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

h.a **Request for additional appropriations in Juv Det Project Income**

4915-11105-041 Part Time Payroll $115,525.00

h.b **Request for additional appropriations in JDAI-Juv. Det. Alt. Init.**

9127-20043-041 Food $3,750.00
9127-20060-041 Supplies $600.00
9127-30013-041 Travel $10,650.00
9127-36000-041 Education/Prevention $45,000.00

i. Clark County Courts

Adrian Anderson, with the Courts, explained that an employee with more years of service that the previous employee is moving into the Chief Court Reporter Position in Circuit 4. The request for 8230 is to appropriate grant money.

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Seconded By Councilperson Fox
Motion to approve all requests listed under Clark County Courts as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

i.a **Request for a salary ordinance amendment in 1000-302 for Chief Court Reporter #4**

Salary ordinance amendment in 1000-302
Chief Court Reporter #4
Increasing Longevity for position from $750 to $1200.

i.b **Request for Additional Appropriations in OVWI Court 10k**

8230-20060-302 Supplies $2108.75

j. Public Defender's Office

Chief Public Defender Vicki Carmichael explained that the Public Defender's Office is requesting an additional Deputy Public Defender position. This would allow the Public Defender's Office to get into compliance for the Misdemeanor Project, which allows the office to be reimbursed for all expenses, not just those related to felonies. They have requested the salary ordinance and appropriation for this position in both 1000 and 4906 for the council to decide the most appropriate funding source. Vicki stated that the Public Defender's Office does have a space to put this new employee, although the office is short on space.

Moved By Councilperson Doherty
Seconded By Councilperson Fox
Motion to deny the request for additional appropriations in County General, deny the request for a salary ordinance amendment in County General, approve the request for additional appropriations in SPDSF, and to approve the request for a salary ordinance amendment in SPDSF; as detailed below.

Against (1): Councilperson Lenfert

Carried (6 to 1)

j.a **Request for additional appropriations in County General**

1000-11107-040 Personal Services $39,584.00
1000-11171-040 FICA/Medicare $3,189.00
1000-11176-040 PERF $5,291.00

j.b **Request for a salary ordinance amendment, adding a new position under 1000-040.**

Salary Ordinance Amendment in 1000-040
Deputy Public Defender $95,000.00

j.c **Request for additional appropriations in SPDSF**

4906-11107-040 Personal Services $39,584.00
4906-11171-040 FICA $3,189.00
4906-11176-040 PERF $5,291.00

j.d **Request for a salary ordinance amendment, adding a new position under 4906-040**

Salary Ordinance Amendment in 4906-040
Deputy Public Defender $95,000.00

10. Old Business

Councilperson Lenfert asked the council if they would like to set a date for a special meeting to discuss the abatement request that was tabled earlier in the meeting. Attorney Mat McCrite suggested that a range of dates be discussed so that the Auditor's Office can confirm meeting availability. The Council asked the Auditor's Office to determine meeting room availability on next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

11. Reports and Comments

a. Council

a.a **Budget Workshop Scheduling**

Councilperson Lenfert explained that in the past the council typically scheduled a session in the morning, a session in the afternoon, and a session in the evening. The council determined that they would like to have budget meetings in the evenings this year. The Council asked the Auditor's Office to determine the meeting room availability from 4-8pm on the following dates: August 12, August 19, August 21, and September 2. These dates will not be advertised until meeting room availability is confirmed and departments are signed up.

b. Attorney

None.

c. Auditor

None.

12. Adjournment

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Seconded By Councilperson Fox
Motion to adjourn

Carried (7 to 0)

Members of the Clark County Council

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Attest: _____

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 11th day of August, 2025.