

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
Regular Meeting of April 9th, 2024

The regular scheduled meeting of the Clark County Council was called to order at 6:08p.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 Jessica Huffman.

Councilperson Hollis offered the March 11th, 2024 Regular Council minutes. Councilperson Grooms motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 11th, 2024 as presented. Councilperson Miller seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis requested any amendments that need to be made to the agenda. There were multiple amendments. A transfer of appropriation in the 93.917 Ryan White Part B Supplemental fund and an appointment to the Jeffersonville Township Library Board. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilperson Abbott seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

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

Public Comments: Kaitlyn Blessitt – "I wanted to thank you all for making the documents available online. That is a big win for my Citizens in Action group. We appreciate the

documents being available ahead of the meeting. We would like to see the disbursements online so we can check on expenses. I'm not sure if you all have thought about it but it would be great to have. It would be nice for transparency. I see some Landfill things on the agenda tonight. I'm not as familiar with the history as you all so I hope to hear if whoever explains the appropriations can go more in-depth for those in the audience. My final thing, I have continued to look into the laws pertaining to Sherriff's Scottie Maples salary. I do believe that it might be too much but I'm not sure if base pay includes any additional revenues. Right now, his salary is exactly the amount of the Prosecutor and the law says it should be at minimum 90%. With him being a newer Sherriff, coming from a corrupt administration and being a part of the prior corrupt administration, I would hope we would be careful of giving him the maximum amount. I hope this Council is carefully looking over the appropriations and budget items in the Sherriff's Office as we do not want to see the same things repeated." Kaitlyn thanked the Council for their time.

Thomas Upton and Reuben Cummings with the Charlestown Fire Protection District presented the requests of two additional appropriations. Thomas Upton gave some information about this request. "This is the same appropriation that you approved in December. The paperwork never got put through to the DLGF. All appropriations fall off at the end of the year. The appropriations are for equipment and personnel. We are pushing strongly for the hiring of 24-hour personnel. We have brought on three additional Full-Time employees and an additional three Full-Time employees that we are hoping to finalize within the next forty-five days. We are looking for additional funding to bring in some more revenue. Our end goal is to go to a 24-48 rotation with Full-Time firefighters within our protection district." The additional appropriation requests are in the Special Fire General fund in the amount of \$350,000.00 for Services and Charges and \$250,000.00 for Capital Outlay. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the requests of additional appropriation in the Special Fire General fund. Seconded by Councilperson Vissing. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Clark County Council Local Health Board Appointment. Motion by the Council to table the Clark County Council Local Health Board Appointment. Motion approved 7-0.

Bryan Glover with the Clark County Commissioners presented multiple requests of additional appropriation. The first request of additional appropriation is in the ARP fund in the amount of \$400,000.00 for Land totaling sixty-one acres. The second request of additional appropriation is in the Clark County Cum Capital fund in the amount of \$210,000.00 for Salem Road. The third request of additional appropriation is in the County Highway fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Parts/Maintenance Repair. The fourth request of additional appropriation is in the GO Refunding Bond 2023 Landfill fund in the amounts of \$330,000.00 for Principal and \$203,070.00 for Interest. The fifth request of additional appropriation is in the GO Bond of 2023 Landfill in the amount of \$203,775.00 for Interest. The sixth request of additional appropriation is in the Enhanced GIS Access Services in the amount of \$550.00 for Contract Services

Payment. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve all requests of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

Jack Coffman representing the Drainage Board, presented a request of an additional appropriation. The request of additional appropriation is in the County General fund in the amount of \$1,901.58 for Equipment. Motion by Councilperson Miller to approve the request of additional appropriation in the County General fund. Seconded by Councilperson Doherty. Motion approved 7-0.

Dianne Shahroudi with the Clark County Sheriff's Office presented the request of a transfer of appropriation. The request of a transfer of appropriation is in the Sheriff Expense and Seizure fund in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Equipment to Buy Money. Motion by Councilperson Doherty to approve the transfer of appropriation in the Sheriff Expense and Seizure fund. Seconded by Councilperson Abbott. Motion approved 7-0.

Doug Bentfield with the Clark County Health Department presented multiple requests. The first request is an additional appropriation in the 93.268 Immunization Vaccines fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Equipment. The second request is a transfer of appropriation in the 93.074 Public Health Prep fund in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Supplies to Contract Services. The third request is a transfer of appropriation in the 93.917 Ryan White Services fund in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Rent to Equipment. The fourth request is a transfer of appropriation in the 93.917 Ryan White Part B Supplemental fund in the amount of \$2,197.92 from Rent to Equipment. Motion by Councilperson Vissing to approve all requests. Seconded by Councilperson Abbott. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Clark County Public Defender Misdemeanor Pilot Program. Micky Webber was here to present. "It seems that we will have some changes after new legislation that the Indiana House and Senate are considering. A portion of our funding comes from the Indiana Public Defenders Commission provided we meet their standards. That doesn't apply to the money we spend on people who we represent that are charged with misdemeanors. There is currently no reimbursement for misdemeanor representation. A bill was passed that is going to create a pilot program to explore the feasibility for misdemeanors. Clark County was identified as one the six pilot Counties. We were initially chosen because we are one of the Counties out of compliance with 400% over the recommended case load. The reimbursement program was initially drafted for July. The bill passed through the Senate with some changes and now it won't start until next summer. None of the Counties were named for next summer and we are no longer scheduled to begin this summer. As initially drafted, the program was going to reimburse 100% for every misdemeanor representation but it was changed to 40% which is the same as the felony reimbursement." Councilperson Lenfert presented his viewpoint, "If we are at 400% the case load and we had to get into compliance, we would have to hire four more employees. If each is paid \$100,000.00, that's \$400,000.00 and we would save 40% which is \$160,00.00. We would still be spending \$240,000.00 which is way over what we

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have now at \$100,000.00.” Micky Weber replied, “When they were going to cover 100% of it, it was going to be a much easier to sell. Now the selling point is better policy and better service. It has become substantially worse for us to choose to participate in the pilot program. I would still tell you it could be a great thing overall for the County but I can’t say it will save you money. I was excited to tell you they were going to pickup the bill and that we are going to be able to hire more people but it got changed at the last second.”

Tom Lowe with the Clark County Courts presented multiple requests of additional appropriation, and a reduction of appropriation. The first request is an additional appropriation in the VET Court 10k fund in the amount of \$1,896.80 for Travel. The second request is an additional appropriation in the Veterans Court Grant fund in the amount of \$2,900.11 for Supplies. The third request is a reduction of appropriation in the Veterans Court Grant fund in the amount of -\$5,300.00 for Drug Screening. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the requests of additional appropriation, and the reduction of appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Doherty. Motion approved 6-1. Abbott voted in opposition.

Gladriel Ballard with Clark County Community Corrections presented a request of additional appropriation and multiple transfers of appropriation. The first request is an additional appropriation in the Community Corrections Program 2 fund in the amount of \$4,333.00 for Contract Services. The second request is multiple transfers of appropriations in the Justice Partners Addiction fund in the amounts of \$35,000.00 from Part-Time to Supplies, \$2,000.00 from Part-Time to Travel, and \$3,200.00 from FICA/Medicare to Travel. Motion by Councilperson Doherty to approve the requests of additional appropriation and the transfers of appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

David Ruckman with the Clark County Surveyor presented a request of multiple additional appropriations. The request of additional appropriation is in the Surveyor’s Perpetuation fund in the amounts of \$15,000.00 for Part-Time, \$4,215.00 for Personal Services, \$1,470.00 for FICA/Medicare, \$536.00 for PERF. Motion by Councilperson Miller to approve the requests of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Grooms. Motion approved 7-0.

Ryan Lynch the Clark County Clerk presented a request of a transfer of appropriation. The request of a transfer of appropriation is in the County General fund in the amount of \$10.00 from Supplies to P.O Box Rent. Motion by Councilperson Lenfert to approve the request of a transfer of appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Doherty. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Jeffersonville Public Township Library Board Appointment discussion. Linda Baker’s term has expired. The board has recommended that the Council reappoints her. Motion by Councilperson Grooms to reappoint Linda Baker to the Jeffersonville Public Township Library Board. Seconded by Councilperson Abbott. Motion approved 7-0.

No Reports. No Public Comments. No Attorney Comments. No Auditor Comments. Councilperson Abbott asked Commissioner Coffman about when the recordings would be set up for the meeting room. Jack Coffman replied, "We do have some bids on that. We are not required by state law to implement them until next year but we are looking into it. When we built the building, it was planned that something like this may occur. When the equipment comes in, the room has all of the hardware ready to support that." Councilperson Lenfert commented on the Health Board appointments, "Does anyone have any suggestions for the Health Board? Doug Bentfield has recommended that a physician or a veterinarian be appointed. There are two spaces for a Democrat and Republican on the board." The Council acknowledged that the search for an appointment will continue but no imminent decision. Councilperson Hollis added, "I received a letter in the mail by a concerned citizen regarding an issue with an ambulance call. Although we have nothing to do with that, I will present it to Doug Bentfield." 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. 9-2024**

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.

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
Charlestown Fire Protection Distract- Reuben Cummings			
Special Fire General			
Additional Appropriation			
30000 Services and Charges	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	7-0
40000 Capital Outlay	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	7-0
Clark County Commissioners- Bryan Glover			
ARP			
Additional Appropriation			
8950-40008-030 Land	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	7-0

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Clark County Cum Capital Additional Appropriation			
1138-40103-030 Old Salem Road	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	7-0
 Highway Additional Appropriation			
1176-20033-063 Parts/Maint Repair	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	7-0
 GO Refunding Bond 2023 Landfill Additional Appropriation			
4624-38010-030 Principal	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00	7-0
4624-38011-030 Interest	\$203,070.00	\$203,070.00	7-0
 GO Bond of 2023 Landfill Additional Appropriation			
4623-38011-030 Interest	\$203,775.00	\$203,775.00	7-0
 Enhanced GIS Access Services Additional Appropriation			
4964-30051-030 Contract Services Payment	\$550.00	\$550.00	7-0
 Clark County Drainage Board- Jack Coffman County General Additional Appropriation			
1000-40014-026 Equipment	\$1,901.58	\$1,901.58	7-0
 Clark County Health Department- Doug Bentfield 93.268 Immunization Vaccines Additional Appropriation			
8224-40014-071 Equipment	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	7-0
 Clark County Courts- Tom Lowe VET Court 10k Additional Appropriation			
8235-30013-302 Travel	\$1,896.80	\$1,896.80	6-1
 Veterans Court Grant Additional Appropriation			
8887-20060-302 Supplies	\$2,900.11	\$2,900.11	6-1
 Reduction of Appropriation			
8887-30115-302 Drug Screening	-\$5,300.00	-\$5,300.00	6-1
 Clark County Community Corrections- Galadriel Ballard			

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**Community Corrections Program 2
Additional Appropriation**

9106-30051-090 Contract Services	\$4,333.00	\$4,333.00	7-0
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**Clark Surveyor- David Ruckman
Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund
Additional Appropriation**

1202-11105-006 Part Time	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	7-0
1202-11107-006 Personal Services	\$4,215.00	\$4,215.00	7-0
1202-11171-006 FICA/Medicare	\$1,470.00	\$1,470.00	7-0
1202-11176-006 PERF	\$536.00	\$536.00	7-0

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 10-2024**

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
Clark Sheriff- Scottie Maples			
Sheriff Expense and Seizure			
Transfer of Appropriation			
From: 4955-40014-005 Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0
To: 4955-31030-005 Buy Money	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0

**Clark County Health Department- Doug Bentfield
93.074 Public Health Prep
Transfer of Appropriation**

From: 8212-20060-071 Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	7-0
To: 8212-30051-071 Contract Services	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	7-0

**93.917 Ryan White Services
Transfer of Appropriation**

From: 8234-30019-071 Rent	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0
To: 8234-40014-071 Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0

**Clark County Community Corrections- Galadriel Ballard
Justice Partners Addiction
Transfer of Appropriation**

From: 8896-11105-369 Part Time	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	7-0
To: 8896-20060-369 Supplies	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	7-0
From: 8896-11105-369 Part Time	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0
To: 8896-30013-369 Travel	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	7-0
From: 8896-11171-369 FICA/Medicare	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	7-0
To: 8896-300136-369 Travel	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	7-0

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**Clark County Clerk- Ryan Lynch
County General**

Transfer of Appropriation

From: 1000-20060-025 Supplies	\$10.00	\$10.00	7-0
To: 1000-30092-025 P.O. Box Rent	\$10.00	\$10.00	7-0

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



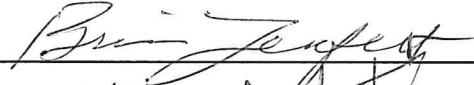

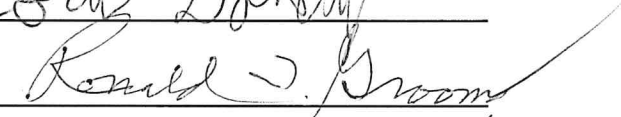
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AMENDMENT NO. 4**

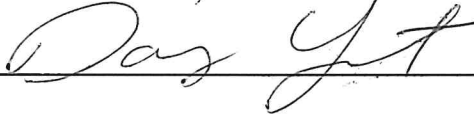
Requested Allowed Vote

Members of the Clark County Council

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Barbara Hollis	
Kevin Vissing	
	
	
	

Attest: 

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor
Approved this 20th day of May, 2024.