CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024

The regular scheduled meeting of the Clark County Council was called to order at 6:03p.m. by Councilperson Lenfert.

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

Those in attendance took a moment of silence and prayer for Barbara Hollis.

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.

Auditor Danny Yost confirmed Proof of Publication.

Councilperson Abbott motioned to approve the September 9, 2024 and Regular Meeting Minutes and the October 2, 2024 Budget Workshop Minutes. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert requested any amendments that need to be made to the agenda. There were no amendments. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

The council acknowledged receipt of the funds report.

Public Comments:

Cathy Miller- Cathy Miller spoke on property taxes and the council's fiscal responsibility. She explained that she has attended many meetings and has heard the constant requests for more money but little discussion about how the county could cut costs and save taxpayer money. She does not agree with the levy appeal petition approved by the council. In her home and business, she practices fiscal responsibility and the council should do the same. Tax abatements are given to large corporations but not small business or individuals. She believes the property tax assessments and growth is not sustainable. Every elected official should represent their constituents.

Christina Gilkey- Christina Gilkey spoke on transparency. Tonight, the council is voting on a budget that she as a member of the public could not find anywhere. Voters are wanting transparency. The budget includes Personal Services line items but the salary ordinance will not be approved or shown before the budget is approved. Councilperson Lenfert explained that the salary ordinance is a separate document that will be approved in December. He also explained the budget was published on Gateway in August and the council has had 6 public meetings where the budget was discussed and deliberated.

Larry Mahaney- Larry Mahaney spoke about EMS budget issues since there is an item on the agenda regarding EMS. He understands that EMS is expensive. He would like to see more effort on finding a permanent EMS solution.

Jim Baker, with the South-Central Regional Airport Authority, gave an update on the Airport. The airport is in good standing and increased its income in 2023 by 10% and expenses by only 7%. They have purchased a hanger in hopes of bringing Prosser's aviation program to Clark County.

Reuben Cummings, a financial consultant for several fire districts in the county, presented Property Tax Levy Appeal Petitions for the following: Charlestown Fire, Monroe Township Fire District, Utica Township Fire District, and New Washington Fire Protection District. The districts qualify for the appeal because their Assessed Value Growth exceeds the state average growth over the last 3 years. The boards of each of the Fire Districts voted to move forward with the appeals. The petition has to be submitted to the DLGF Field Rep by October 21, 2024. If approved by the DLGF, it will be included in the 2025 budget. Councilperson Abbott asked if this effects property taxes. Mr. Cummings confirmed that the Property Tax Levy Appeal does effect property taxes. The districts have typed a summary of why the levy appeal is needed including replacing faulty equipment and payroll costs. Councilperson Grooms motioned to approve the Levy Appeal Petitions for Charlestown Fire, Monroe Township Fire District, Utica Township Fire District, and New Washington Fire Protection District. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented the binding unit Budget Adoption. Binding Units do not have their own elected financial board, therefore they come before the county council for

approval. The council has the following unit's budgets before them for approval: Jeffersonville Flood Control, Charlestown Fire, Tri-Township Fire Protection District, Monroe Township Fire Protection District, Utica Township Fire District, New Washington Fire Protection District, Clark County Solid Waste Management District. Seeing that there were several members of the public present, Councilperson Lenfert opened a public hearing concerning the binding unit budget adoption. No public commented. Councilperson Lenfert closed the public hearing.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 24-2024 an ordinance approving the Jeffersonville Flood Control 2025 budget, a binding unit of Clark County. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve Ordinance 24-2024. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 25-2024, an ordinance approving the Charlestown Fire 2025 budget, a binding unit of Clark County. Councilperson Grooms motioned to approve Ordinance 25-2025. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 26-2024, an ordinance approving the Tritownship Fire Protection District 2025 budget, a binding unit of Clark County. Councilperson Grooms motioned to approve Ordinance 26-2024. Councilperson Abbott seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 27-2024, an ordinance approving the Monroe Township Fire Protection District 2025 budget, a binding unit of Clark County. Councilperson Abbott motioned to approve Ordinance 27-2024. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 28-2024, an ordinance approving the Utica Township Fire Protection District 2025 budget, a binding unit of Clark County. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve Ordinance 28-2024. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 29-2024, an ordinance approving the New Washington Fire Protection District 2025 budget, a binding unit of Clark County. Councilperson Grooms motioned to approve Ordinance 29-2024. Councilperson Abbott seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 30-2024, an ordinance approving the Clark County Solid Waste Management District 2025 budget, a binding unit of Clark County. Councilperson Abbott motioned to approve Ordinance 30-2024. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented Ordinance 23-2024, an ordinance approving the Clark County 2025 budget. The 2025 budget is 3.2% increase over the 2024 budget. Councilperson

Abbott questioned how the budget was reduced from the initial request. Councilperson Lenfert reminded him that the council used good fiscal management to cut unnecessary expenses and find alternative funding sources. Councilperson Grooms asked if they were specifically approving the County General budget. Councilperson Lenfert explained that they would be approving the budget for all funds as it was before them. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve Ordinance 23-2024. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Commissioner Bryan Glover presented the following requests: additional appropriation in Emergency Medical Services- Fund 1236; additional appropriations in Enhanced GIS Access Services-Fund 4964; and additional appropriations in the Information Technology Fund-Fund 4930. He explained that the amount originally requested was \$640,000, but due to the timing of the receipt of funds, they would only need \$580,000.00 through the end of 2024. The request in fund 4964 is for additional GIS licensing for the Auditor's Office and Planning and Zoning. The request in 4930 is for the time card system, as the original amount budget was not sufficient. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the additional appropriation in fund 1236 in the amount of \$580,000 and to table the remaining request of \$60,000; to approve the requested additional appropriations in 4964; and to approve the requested additional appropriations in 4964; and to approve the requested additional appropriations in 4964.

Commissioner Bryan Glover stated that the Clark County Solid Waste has very good fiscal management and a solid board. He also stated that Gavan Hebner, with EMA and Amir Mousavi, with Tri-Township Fire Protection responded to the disaster in Haywood County North Carolina.

Council person Lenfert stated that he would like to get a joint meeting between the Council and Commissioners on the books as he has several topics he would like to discuss. The November Council Meeting date will be determined later in the meeting, but Commissioner Glover agreed that before the November Council meeting may be a good time for a joint meeting.

Health Department Administrator Doug Bentfield presented the requests for transfers of appropriation in grant funds 8212 and 8206. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the requests for transfers of appropriation in grant funds 8212 and 8206. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Diane Shahroudi, with the Sheriff's Office, presented a request for transfer of appropriation in 1156 from Equipment to Training. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the request for transfer of appropriation in 1156. Councilperson Abbott seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Chief Deputy Auditor Lindsey Wilmoth presented the request for a transfer of appropriation in County General Fund 1000 on behalf of the Purdue Extension Office. In July, a

transfer was approved in the amount of \$1,595.60. They have since realized they transferred too much. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the request for a transfer of appropriation in County General Fund 1000 for the Purdue Extension Office. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 4-0. (Councilperson Abbott stepped out.)

Court Administrator Tom Lowe presented the following requests: additional appropriations in County General-Fund 1000 under the All Courts location; a reduction of appropriation in County General-Fund 1000 under the Superior 5 location; a reduction of appropriation in County General-Fund 1000 under the Superior 6 location; additional appropriations in County General-Fund 1000 for Jury Pay and Jury Meals; a transfer of appropriation in Fund 1000; and additional appropriations in 9107. When the 2024 budget was originally prepared and approved, there was a shortfall in the Personal Services line items for the All-Courts location. Fortunately, there was a surplus in both the Superior 5 and Superior 6 budgets for Personal Services. The reduction under Superior 5 and Superior 6 will cover the amount requested under all courts for the Personal Services line items. There has been an increase in jury related expenses, therefore additional appropriations are needed. This should cover jury trials for the remainder of the year. The transfer of appropriations is from the Superior 5 budget from Travel to Equipment. The additional appropriation in 9107 is to appropriate a donation CASA received. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the requests as presented. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented the request for additional appropriations in Prosecutor Grant Fund 8108. Councilperson Lenfert spoke to the Prosecutor's Office regarding this request and they explained that this request is for a grant fund where the 2024 budget was approved for less than the amount approved on the salary ordinance. This request would fix that error. The county has received the grant to cover this. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the request for additional appropriations in fund 8108. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion fails 4-1 with Councilperson Abbott voting nay. Councilperson Abbott stated that he voted no due to the Prosecutor's Office not being present, although they called Councilperson Lenfert.

Tracy Keith and Jennifer Snawder, with Juvenile Detention, presented the request for additional appropriations in grant fund 9159 and Juvenile Detention Project Income Fund 4915. Grant fund 9159 is for a diversion program to hopefully keep kids out of Juvenile Detention. The request in 4915 is to appropriate the balance in the fund. They did not request a budget in this fund for 2024, because they did not have a balance in the fund. Currently their operating expenses are running very low and they expect to spend all that they have requested. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the request for additional appropriations in grant fund 9159 and Juvenile Detention Project Income Fund 4915. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Public Defender Mickey Weber presented the requests for additional appropriations in County General -Fund 1000 for Contract Services and SPDSF Fund 4906 for Group Insurance October 14, 2024

and Contract Services. He explained that the request for Group Insurance is to correct a bookkeeping error where Group Insurance was not budgeted for this fund, although employees are fully paid from it. The request for Contract Services in both funds are duplicate requests for the council to decide where they would like to approve it. Contract rates for public defenders were increased after the budget was passed, causing the shortfall. The request also includes \$15,000 for appeals. He requested the council consider approving the duplicate request in County General to keep 4906 fundable and close to the 40% reimbursement rate. Councilperson Lenfert stated that he understands wanting to keep the budget balanced but the balance in 4906 would cover this request. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to deny the request for additional appropriations in County General -Fund 1000 for Contract Services and to approve the requests for additional appropriations in SPDSF Fund 4906 for Group Insurance and Contract Services. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Councilperson Doherty requested that the requests submitted be more detailed. Motion approved 5-0.

There was no one present from the Veteran's Services Office to present the request for additional appropriations in County General-Fund 1000. Councilperson Doherty motioned to table the request for additional appropriations in County General for Veteran's Services. Councilperson Abbott seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

There was no one present for the Coroner's Office to present the request for additional appropriations in County General-Fund 1000. Councilperson Lenfert noted that the request was pretty straightforward, as it was for Autopsies. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the request for additional appropriations in County General-Fund 1000 for the Coroner's Office. Councilperson Lenfert seconded. Motion fails 4-1 with Councilperson Abbott voting nay.

Gavan Hebner, with EMA presented the requests for additional appropriations in EMA Donation Fund 4970 and GNCHF EMA Grant Fund 9158. The requests in 4970 is due to donations received from Pilot and Casey's. The request in 9158 is due to a grant being received for a search and rescue drone. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the requests for additional appropriations in 4970 and 9158. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Dave Ruckman and Joshua Cassin, with the Surveyor's Office presented the following requests: additional appropriations in Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund 1202 for Personal Services and a salary ordinance amendment for First Deputy Surveyor. The Surveyor's Office would like to create responsibilities surrounding GIS Coordination to add to the Chief Deputy Surveyor position and their requests would raise the salary of that position accordingly. Councilperson Abbott motioned to table the request for additional appropriations in Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund 1202 for Personal Services and to table the request for a salary ordinance amendment for First Deputy Surveyor. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Dave Ruckman and Joshua Cassin, with the Surveyor's Office presented the request for a transfer of appropriations in fund 1202. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the transfer of appropriations in 1202. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilperson Lenfert presented the request for additional appropriations in LIT Public Safety Fund 1170 for Local Matching. The Auditor's Office explained that the December 2023 payment to E911 for Local Matching was made in January 2024, causing a shortfall of the amount of that payment. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the request for additional appropriations in fund 1170. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

The Council discussed the November Meeting Date as it was originally scheduled on Veteran's Day and the county building would be closed. The Council discussed holding the meeting on either November 12th or November 18th. It was ultimately decided that the November Council meeting will be held November 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The joint meeting with the Commissioners would be held at 4:00pm that same day. Councilperson Lenfert state that he would like to discuss the following items additional office space for the public defender, ARPA Fund update, recording of meetings, and EMS Update. Councilperson Doherty stated that he would like to discuss infrastructure surrounding Salem Noble Road and the proposed school.

No Public Comments. No Attorney Comments. No Auditor Comments. No Council Comments. Councilperson Grooms motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 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. 31-2024

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

Clark County Commissioners

Emergency Medical Services Additional Appropriation 1236-30051-030 Contract Services	\$640,000.00	\$580,000.00 (Table	5-0
Enhanced GIS Access Services Additional Appropriation 4964-30051-030 Contract Services	\$1,100.00	\$60,000.00) \$1,100.00	5-0
Information Technology Fund Additional Appropriation 4930-30051-052 Contract Services	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	5-0
Clark County Courts Additional Appropriation County General			
1000-11107-302 Personal Services 1000-11171-302 FICA/Medicare 1000-11176-302 PERF	\$104,000.00 \$3,100.00 \$7,000.00	\$104,000.00 \$3,100.00 \$7,000.00	5-0 5-0 5-0
Reduction of Appropriation 1000-11107-375 Personal Services 1000-11171-375 FICA/Medicare	-\$44,000.00 -\$3,500.00	-\$44,000.00 -\$3,500.00	5-0 5-0
1000-11176-375 PERF 1000-11107-376 Personal Services 1000-11171-376 FICA/Medicare 1000-11176-376 PERF	-\$5,000.00 -\$50,000.00 -\$4,800 -\$6,800.00	-\$5,000.00 -\$50,000.00 -\$4,800 -\$6,800.00	5-0 5-0 5-0 5-0
Additional Appropriation 1000-30127-100-302 Jury Pay 1000-30129-100-302 Jury Meals	\$35,000.00 \$3,000.00	\$35,000.00 \$3,000.00	5-0 5-0
CASA CASA-The Voice of Clark Additional Appropriation 9107-20060-194 Supplies	\$300.00	\$300,00	5-0
Clark County Prosecutor 16.588 Domestic Violence Gr.#1 Additional Appropriation 8108-11107-008 Personal Services	\$25,000.00	\$0.00 (motion failed)	4-1

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8108-11171-008 FICA	\$1,913.00	\$0.00 (motion	4-1
	8	failed)	
8108-11176-008 PERF	\$3,175.00	\$0.00	4-1
		(motion	
		failed)	
Juvenile Detention			
Juvenile Diversion Grant Prog.			
Additional Appropriation	# 00 000 00	600 000 00	<i>5</i> 0
9159-36001-041 Treatment/Intervention	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	5-0
Juv Det Project Income			
Additional Appropriation			
4915-20035-041 Medical Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	5-0
4915-20041-041 Clothing/Linen/Hygiene	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	5-0
4915-20043-041 Food Items	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	5-0
4915-20060-041 Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	5-0
4915-20064-041 General Janitorial Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	5-0
4915-30014-041 Telephone	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	5-0
4915-30031-041 Schools & Conferences	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	5-0
4915-30051-041 Contract Services	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	5-0
4915-30054-041 Equipment Repair	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	5-0
4915-30070-041 Nursing Service	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	5-0
4915-30099-041 Physicians	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	5-0
4915-30107-041 Freight	\$400.00	\$400.00	5-0
4915-40014-041 Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	5-0
Public Defender			
County General			
Additional Appropriation			
1000-30051-040 Contract Services	\$120,621.93	\$0.00	5-0
SPDSF			
Additional Appropriation			
4906-11173-040 Group Insurance	\$20,815.00	\$20,815.00	5-0
4906-30051-040 Contract Services	\$120,621.93	\$120,621.93	5-0
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Clark County Veteran's Services			
County General			
Additional Appropriation			
1000-11107-027 Personal Services	\$6,000.00	Tabled	5-0
1000-11171-027 FICA/Medicare	\$459.00	Tabled	5-0
1000-11176-027 PERF	\$762.00	Tabled	5-0
Clark County Coroner			
County General	99		
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Additional Appropriation 1000-30059-007 Autopsies	\$35,000.00	\$0.00 (Motion Failed	4-1
Clark County Emergency Management EMA Donation Fund			
Additional Appropriation 4970-20060-039 Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	5-0
GNCHF EMA Grant Additional Appropriation			
9158-40014-039 Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	5-0
Clark County Surveyor Surveyor's Perpetuation Additional Appropriation 1202-11107-006 Personal Services	\$29,999.97	Tabled	5-0
E911 (Request submitted by Auditor for Local Match) LIT Public Safety Additional Appropriation	\$70.707.00	Ф 7 0 7 0 7 00	5.0
1170-31018-075 Local Matching	\$78,787.90	\$78,787.90	5-0
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS			
ORDINANCE NO. 3			
Clark County Health Department 93.074 Public Health Prep.	Requested	Allowed	Vote
Transfer of Appropriation From: 8212-11173-071 Group Insurance To: 8212-30014-071 Telephone	\$300.00 \$300.00	\$300.00 \$300.00	5-0 5-0
From: 8212-11173-071 Group Insurance To: 8212-30051-071 Contract Services	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00	5-0 5-0
93.994 SUID Grant			
Transfer of Appropriation From: 8206-11107-071 Personal Services From: 8206-30041-071 Printing From: 8206-11176-071 PERF From: 8206-20060-071 Supplies From: 8206-36000-071 Public Training To: 8206-30051-071 Contract Services	\$2,404.00 \$190.00 \$2,907.00 \$2,260.00 \$1,287.00 \$9,048.00	\$2,404.00 \$190.00 \$2,907.00 \$2,260.00 \$1,287.00 \$9,048.00	5-0 5-0 5-0 5-0 5-0 5-0
10: 8200-30031-071 Contract Services		\$7,040.00	3-0

Clark County Sheriff Firearms Training Transfer of Appropriation From: 1156-40014-005 Equipment To: 1156-30017-005 Training	\$20,000.00 \$20,000.00	\$20,000.00 \$20,000.00	5-0 5-0
Clark County Extension			
County General			
Transfer of Appropriation			
From: 1000-40014-023 Equipment	\$927.99	\$927.99	4-0
To: 1000-20060-023 Supplies	\$927.99	\$927.99	4-0
Transfer of Appropriation			
From: 1000-30013-375 Travel	\$800.00	\$800.00	5-0
To: 1000-40014-375 Equipment	\$800.00	\$800.00	5-0
Transfer of Appropriation From: 1202-30051-006 Contract Services	\$86.61	\$86.61	5-0
To: 1202-20060-006 Supplies	\$86.61	\$86.61	5-0
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING SALARY AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AMENDMENT NO. 10

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
Salary Ordinance			
First Deputy Surveyor (effective 11/4/2024)			
	\$39,294.74	Tabled	5-0
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	9,294.77)		

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Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor Approved this / J day of Nocm &	, 2024.