



**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**
Regular Meeting of March 09, 2026

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:

1. Open Meeting-

Councilperson Fox opened the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting at 6:00pm.

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

Auditor Danny Yost confirmed proof of publication.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Seconded By Councilperson Grooms
Motion to approve meeting minutes as listed above.

Carried (7 to 0)

6. Agenda Amendments and Approval

Councilperson Fox stated that there are two amendments to the agenda. First, the transfer of appropriations listed under item e.b needs to be amended to come from Supplies instead of from travel. Second, the health department needs to add a transfer of appropriations in 1161. This will be item e.c.

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert
Seconded By Councilperson Blevins
Motion to approve agenda as amended.

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

9. New Business

a. Clark County Commissioners, Bryan Glover

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve all requests listed under Clark County Commissioners as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

a.a Request for additional appropriations in Cum Bridge

1135-40172-064 Bean Road \$60,000.00

This will be used to replace a culvert on Bean Road. The contract was awarded to Dan Cristiani.

a.b Request for additional appropriations in County General

1000-30046-030 Utilities \$17,840.00

This will be the yearly Utility expense for the old E911 building which has been returned to the control of the Commissioners. There is a good possibility that this building will be conveyed or sold in the near future. Councilperson Snelling asked where the building is located and asked about the process of selling it. Commissioner Glover stated that the building could be conveyed to another governmental unit or it can be put on the market. Councilperson Snelling stated if the building is going to be costly with no return, action should be taken to get it out of the county's possession.

a.c Request for additional appropriations out of Opioid Restricted Funds

1237-30051-030 Contract Services \$100,000.00

This amount was awarded by the Commissioners to Ivy Tech Community College upon recommendation by the Health Officer.

b. Clark County Surveyor, Joshua Cassin

b.a Request for additional appropriations in Surveyor's Perpetuation

1202-11173-006 Group Insurance \$23,850.00

This will be used to cover an employee who is fully paid out of 1202 in 2026.

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in Surveyor's Perpetuation as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

c. Clark County Emergency Management, Gavan Hebner

c.a Request for additional appropriations in County General or Rainy Day Fund

1000-40012-039 Motor Vehicles \$22,531.50

1000-10014-039 Equipment \$7,672.19

1186-40012-039 Motor Vehicles \$22,531.50

1186-10014-039 Equipment \$7,672.19

One of the EMA vehicles is currently in the shop with transmission issues. EMA would like to trade this vehicle in to get out from under it. They have received a quote for a new vehicle and are requesting the difference from either County General or the Rainy Day Fund. EMA received reimbursement from FEMA due to last years flood. The money received will cover this expense.

Moved By Councilperson Doherty

Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in Rainy Day Fund as requested and to deny the request for additional appropriations in County General

Carried (7 to 0)

d. Clark County Sheriff Scottie Maples and Diane Shahroudi

Diane Shahroudi presented the items below and item 10.a.a under old business.

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to approve all requests listed under Clark County Sheriff, Scottie Maples as detailed below including item 10.a.a listed under old business.

Carried (7 to 0)

Councilperson Williams-Hampton thanked Sheriff Maples for allowing her and Councilperson Fox to tour the jail. Sheriff Maples spent a great deal of time showing them the programs and the work occurring in the jail. This helped her provide information to her constituents regarding the concerns they have about the ICE detainees in the jail. This has brought her constituents some relief.

Councilperson Fox explained that he and Councilperson Williams-Hampton spent around two and half hours with Sheriff Maples, Chief Grube, and the new jail commander. They toured the facility inside and out. It was refreshing to know that what is reported in the media, isn't always facts.

d.a Request for additional appropriations in Marine Patrol Assistance Grant

9133-11107-005 Personal Services \$10,000.00

This is a new grant award that will be used for overtime.

d.b Request a transfer of appropriations in Sheriff Expense & Seizure

From 4155-40014-005 Equipment \$10,000.00

To 4155-31030-005 Buy Money \$10,000.00

This will allow the Sheriff's Office to work drug cases.

e. Clark County Health Department, Doug Bentfield

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve all requests listed under Clark County Health Department, Doug Bentfield as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

e.a Request for additional appropriations in Rainy Day Fund

1186-30051-071 Contract Services \$70,000.00

This would cover a study for EMS to find a long term solution for EMS. This would be through Fitch and Associates. Floyd County has used them and are happy with their services. They would be able to provide an actual actuarial analysis of EMS instead of the projections that have been discussed. Councilperson Fox stated that he believes this will give the county facts to find a long term strategy plan for Clark County.

Councilperson Lenfert asked if there was a reason the EMS fund could not be

used for this study. Chief Deputy Auditor Lindsey Wilmoth explained that she was asked if funds could be transferred from Rainy Day to the EMS fund to cover this. She explained that this is not the appropriate way to do this. The EMS fund is currently budgeted to cover a portion of the EMS contract with the remainder coming out of ARP.

Doug Bentfield stated that he would like to initiate the contract with Fitch and Associates within the next few days.

e.b Request for a transfer of appropriation in 93.074 Public Health Prep

From 8212-30013-071 Travel \$1,500.00
To 8212-40014-071 Equipment \$1,500.00

Amended to:

From 8212-20060-071 Supplies \$1,500.00
To 8212-40014-071 Equipment \$1,500.00

e.c Amendment to the agenda: Request for additional appropriations in LPHS

From 1161-30051-071 Contract Services \$2,000.00
To 1161-20035-071 Medical Supplies \$2,000.00

10. Old Business

a. Clark County Sheriff, Scottie Maples

a.a Request for additional appropriations in Sheriff's Pension Trust

1193-11186-005 Police Pension \$34,007.00

This item was approved with the Sheriff's items above.

b. Clark County Public Defender, Vicki Carmichael

Chief Public Defender Vicki Carmichael distributed a spreadsheet showing the number of cases handled by the Public Defender's Office in each quarter in 2025 vs each quarter in 2024.

Councilperson Fox stated that he had a discussion with the Chief Public Defender earlier in the day. One of the things he asked about was whether or not the additional staff in the Prosecutor's Office was helping to expedite cases. Chief Carmichael explained that it has been a struggle to receive discovery from the Prosecutor's Office, in fact they have had to file around 20 motions to compel. Once those motions are filed, they have received the discovery

needed from the Prosecutor's Office. They have also had an increase in depositions in order to discover the information needed to defend the case.

Chief Public Defender Vicki Carmichael explained her requests listed below. Item b.a is to fund raises for two Public Defenders. This will bring them up to the salary level for handling higher level cases. Item b.b is the salary ordinance for those raises. The Personal Services related items under item b.c are to fund salary ordinances that were not appropriated but were approved on the salary ordinance and an administrative assistance. The Subscription and Publication request under item b.c is for a new case management system and can be withdrawn. The Public Defender's Office and the Prosecutor's Office are speaking about working together on the some aspects of the case management software. The request for Contract Services under item b.c covers several items including contract Public Defenders, appellate attorneys, investigators, and water and shredder services. She would like to withdraw the portions for appellate attorneys and investigators and request \$62,431 to cover the remaining items. Item b.d is the salary ordinance for the Administrative Assistant mentioned earlier.

Moved By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

Motion to approve \$62,431 in 4906 for Contract Services and tabling all other requests that were not withdrawn, listed under Clark County Public Defender, Vicki Carmichael as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

b.a Request for additional appropriations in County General

- 1000-11107-040 Personal Services \$10,200.00
- 1000-11171-040 FICA/Medicare \$780.30
- 1000-11176-040 PERF \$1,295.40

b.b Request for a salary ordinance amendment in County General

- Raises, Effective 2/9/2026
- 1000-040, Deputy Public Defender, \$102,000.00
- 1000-040, Deputy Public Defender, \$102,000.00

b.c Request for additional appropriations in SPDSF

- 4906-20067-040 Subscriptions & Publications \$30,000.00

4906-11107-040 Personal Services \$242,097.00
4906-11171-040 FICA/Medicare \$18,520.42
4906-11176-040 PERF \$30,746.32
4906-11173-040 Group Insurance \$15,000.00
4906-30051-040 Contract Services \$140,000.00

Withdraw the request for Subscriptions & Publications and \$77,569 of the request for Contract Services.

b.d Request for a salary ordinance amendment in SPDSF

New Position- Effective 2/9/2025
4906-040, Administrative Assistant, \$43,197.00

11. Reports and Comments

a. Council

None.

a.a BZA Appointment

Term ending 12/31/2026

Councilperson Fox stated that a Committee of three council members was formed to interview candidates for the BZA appointment. The council received 7 applications. One of the applicants was disqualified due to residency requirements.

Councilperson Snelling stated that they interviewed all of the candidates and asked all interviewees the same questions. He thanked all of the applicants for their interest. John Uhl applied but then withdrew his application. They interviewed David Abbott, Sandy Basham, Mark Bedair, David Baird, Zach Brooks, and Eric Miller. Councilperson Snelling believes that every person who comes before the BZA deserves an answer through an up or down vote.

Councilperson Blevins stated that he appreciated serving on the committee. He thanked Councilperson Fox for allowing the committee to be formed and for allowing them to be unbiased during their interview process. He believes committee chose who they believe is the best candidate through their due diligence.

Moved By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton
Motion to appoint Eric Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilperson Fox asked Eric Miller, of Henryville, to come before the council.

Councilperson Williams-Hampton stated that she appreciates the way and the confidence Mr. Miller presented his perspective on serving the county.

Eric Miller stated that he believes the council did a very good job of presenting the questions and the concerns of what the county will need moving forward. He believes that the BZA is a very important issue that gets overlooked. He knows people who have went before the BZA and have not fared well.

Councilperson Grooms asked Mr. Miller his primary reason for seeking this position. Mr. Miller explained that he is seeking a way to support his community. He believes that we are stewards of the land and in order to move the county forward decisions must be made. Councilperson Grooms asked if he had experience going before the BZA. Mr. Miller stated that he does not.

The committee stated that they are in agreement to appoint Eric Miller to the BZA.

Moved By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton
Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Motion to appoint Eric Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Carried (7 to 0)

b. Attorney

None.

c. Auditor

None.

12. Adjournment

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to adjourn.

Carried (7 to 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. 5-2026

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, 2026, 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.

Fund	Acct.	Obj.	Loc.	Acct. Desc.	Allowed	Vote
County General						
1000	11107	0000	040	Personal Services	Tabled	7-0
	11171	0000	040	FICA / Medicare	Tabled	7-0
	11176	0000	040	PERF	Tabled	7-0
	30046	0000	030	Utilities	\$17,840.00	7-0
	40012	0000	039	Motor Vehicles	Deny	7-0
	40014	0000	039	Equipment	Deny	7-0
Cum Bridge						
1135	40172	0000	064	Bean Road	\$60,000.00	7-0
Marine Patrol Assistance Grant						
9133	11107	0000	005	Personal Services	\$10,000.00	7-0
Opioid Restricted Funds						
1237	30051	0000	030	Contract Services	\$100,000.00	7-0
Rainy Day Fund						
1186	30051	0000	071	Contract Services	\$70,000.00	7-0
	40012	0000	039	Motor Vehicles	\$22,531.50	7-0
	40014	0000	039	Equipment	\$7,672.19	7-0
SPDSF						
4906	11107	0000	040	Personal Services	Tabled	7-0
	11171	0000	040	FICA / Medicare	Tabled	7-0
	11173	0000	040	Group Insurance	Tabled	7-0
	11176	0000	040	PERF	Tabled	7-0
	30051	0000	040	Contract Services	\$62,431.00	7-0
	20067	0000	040	Subscriptions & Publications	Withdrawn	7-0
Surveyor's Perpetuation						
1202	11173	0000	006	Group Insurance	\$23,850.00	7-0
Sheriff's Pension Trust						
1193	11186	0000	005	Police Pension	\$34,007.00	7-0
Grand Total						

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 6-2026

Fund	Loc.	Acct.	Obj.	Acct. Desc.	Allowed	Vote
93.074 Public Health Prep.						
8212	071	20060	0000	Supplies	\$1,500.00	7-0
		40014	0000	Equipment	\$1,500.00	7-0
Sheriff Expense & Seizure						
4955	005	40014	0000	Equipment	-\$10,000.00	7-0
		31030	0000	Buy Money	\$10,000.00	7-0
LPHS						
1161	071	20035	0000	Medical Supplies	\$2,000.00	7-0
		30051	0000	Contract Services	-\$2,000.00	7-0

Members of the Clark County Council

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<u>Ronald B. [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Christopher A. Boyd</u>	_____
<u>Frank J. [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Brian [Signature]</u>	_____
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Attest: Danny Yost

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 13th day of April, 2026.