



**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**
Regular Meeting of April 13, 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

Council Attorney Max McCrite confirmed proof of publication.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton
Motion to approve meeting minutes as listed above.

Carried (7 to 0)

6. Agenda Amendments and Approval

There were no amendments to the agenda therefore, Councilperson Fox continued with the agenda as presented.

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. Public Defender, Vicki Carmichael

a.a Request for additional appropriations in Opioid Restricted Funds

1237-30051-040 Contract Services \$90,000.00

This amount was awarded to the Public Defender's Office by the Commissioners office at the end of 2025. This was appropriated at the end of 2025, but not for the 2026 budget.

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in Opioid Restricted Funds as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

b. Emergency Management Agency, Gavan Hebner

b.a Request for additional appropriations in EMA Donation Fund

4970-20065-039 Safety Equipment \$1,000.00

Moved By Councilperson Grooms

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in EMA Donation Fund as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

b.b Request for additional appropriations in HMGP23-Hazard Mitigation Grant

8177-30051-039 Contract Services \$24,304.00

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Blevins

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in HMGP23-Hazard Mitigation Grant as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

c. Clark County Commissioners, Bryan Glover

c.a Request for additional appropriations in Opioid Restricted Funds

1237-30051-030 Contract Services \$60,000.00

This will be used for an award made to Atlas Otium, a long term recovery unit. This came to the Commissioners with favorable recommendation from Dr. Yazel, Angela Rubadue, Judge Jacobs, and Galadriel Ballard.

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in Opioid Restricted

Funds as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

d. Auditor, Danny Yost

Both of the request for additional appropriations listed below are for Group Insurance. For 2026, the Auditor's Office has employees paid entirely out of these funds now to relieve the burden on County General. Since they are paid from these funds, their group insurance needs to be paid from these funds.

Moved By Councilperson Doherty

Seconded By Councilperson Lenfert

Motion to approve all requests listed under Auditor, Danny Yost as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

d.a Request for additional appropriations in Auditor Endorsement Fund

1181-11173-002 Group Insurance \$10,000.00

d.b Request for additional appropriations in Auditor Non-Reverting

4900-11173-002 Group Insurance \$14,300.00

e. Juvenile Detention, Lisa Reger and Tracy Keith

e.a Request for additional appropriations in Juv Det Project Income

4915-11105-041 \$75,000.00 Part-Time Hourly

4915-11171-041 \$5,800.00 FICA/Medicare

4915-40014-041 \$4,000.00 Equipment

The request for equipment will be used to purchase picnic tables for the outdoor recreation area. The other requests are related to funding Part-Time payroll.

Councilperson Lenfert asked about collections in Juv Det Project Income. Tracy explained that they have collected \$212,600.00. They currently have \$71,600.00

in outstanding invoices from February.

Councilperson Fox asked about the current census. Tracy explained that there are currently 19 kids, 15 of which are Clark County kids. The maximum census is 20. As Thunder weekend approaches, it is possible that there will be additional bookings. It is possible that some of the current kids could be released on Friday.

Moved By Councilperson Grooms

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in Juv Det Project Income as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

f. Health Department, Doug Bentfield

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

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

Carried (7 to 0)

f.a Request for additional appropriations in LPHS

1161-20035-071 Medical Supplies \$5,000.00

1161-20060-071 Supplies \$5,000.00

1161-30096-071 Legal Fees and Charges \$5,000.00

1161-32353-071 Maintenance Agreements \$5,000.00

f.b Request for additional appropriations in Mobile Integrated Healthcare

9168-40014-071 Equipment \$17,000.00

g. Veterans Services, Ronnie Iglesias

g.a Request for additional appropriations in County General

1000-30013-027 Travel \$2,100.00

This will be used for an upcoming annual training for all three of the Veteran's Services employees.

Councilperson Fox asked for an update on the veteran's service office. Ronnie explained that their new full time employee is now certified and is currently in training to take on Veterans by herself. This will allow the office to redistribute the veterans for each Veteran Service Officer.

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Blevins

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in County General as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

h. Clark County Courts, Tom Lowe

Moved By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

Motion to approve all requests listed under Clark County Courts, Tom Lowe as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

h.a Request for a salary ordinance amendment in 93.243 CCFTDC Brdg to Success

8160-302, Raise effective 12/19/2025, \$48,000.00

This is a raise for an employee who has finished their bachelor's degree.

h.b Request for additional appropriations in County General

1000-30051-276 Contract Services \$40,000.00

This relates to the two life without parole cases that are pending in Circuit 1.

h.c Request for additional appropriations in CASA- The Voice of Clark

9107-11105-194 Part-Time Hourly \$18,000.00

In the 2026 budget, a Part-Time advocate position was eliminated. CASA has determined that they do need this position. They do have unappropriated funds in their grant to cover this.

Judge Reger asked Melissa Borries to give the council an update on CASA. Melissa explained that they had an event at the courthouse for CASA where they had a pinwheel to represent each child in care. They have also implemented new support to their volunteers. Due to Melissa's hard work, CASA has 15 new volunteers. The part time position that is being requested tonight will supervise these volunteers.

Judge Reger stated that CHINS cases are up 30% in Clark County. CASA currently has 309 children in care in Clark County and currently 226 have a CASA.

h.d Request for a salary ordinance amendment in CASA-The Voice of Clark

9107-194, Additional Part Time Advocate, \$17.50 per hour, effective 4/13/2026

i. Probation, Jamie Hayden and Mischell Settles

i.a Request for a salary ordinance amendment in Justice Partners Addiction

8896-369, Probation Officer, \$41,418.46, Effective 1/26/2026 to 9/20/2026
Shifting a portion of this position's salary to Justice Partners Addictions Grant for grant period

Probation applied for the Justice Partners Addiction Grant, however they did not think that they would receive it. Due to this, the salary for this employee was shifted to County General and PUF instead of the grant. Now that the grant has been awarded, Probation would like to shift some of the salary back to the grant for the grant period, 1/26/2026 to 9/20/2026.

Councilperson Fox asked for an update on the Probation Department. Jamie Hayden stated that as of March, the PUF Fund was \$16,000 above the amount they knew they needed to collect. He has graphs that show the growth that he will sent to the council.

Councilperson Lenfert asked what the yearly salary for this position is. Mischell Settles confirmed that her yearly salary is \$63,000. The grant will only be covering the \$41,418.46 then it will revert to County General.

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert
Seconded By Councilperson Blevins
Motion to approve the Request for a salary ordinance amendment in Justice Partners Addiction as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

10. Old Business

a. Public Defender, Vicki Carmichael

Moved By Councilperson Doherty

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve requests a.a and a.b listed under Public Defender, Vicki Carmichael as detailed below.

Against (1):

Councilperson Lenfert

Carried (6 to 1)

a.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

This will bring two Public Defender's who handle higher level cases up to \$102,000.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that both of these positions are currently at \$96,900. Historically Public Defenders have been paid \$5,000 less than the Prosecutor's that handle similar cases. The Prosecutor's who handle higher level cases are currently paid \$107,000.

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

Raises, Effective 4/13/2026

1000-040, Deputy Public Defender, \$102,000.00

1000-040, Deputy Public Defender, \$102,000.00

a.c Request for additional appropriations in SPDSF

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

This is to appropriate funds for positions that have already been approved in the salary ordinance but were not included in the budget.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that the council adopted the Personal Services budget for 4906 at \$562,000. The salary ordinance that was adopted in December has a total of \$664,000. The council then approved an additional position on top of this. This make a shortfall of around the requested amount.

Moved By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in SPDSF as requested.

Against (1):

Councilperson Doherty

Carried (6 to 1)

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

New Position-Effective 4/13/2026

4906-040, Administrative Assistant, \$43,197.00

This position would be an additional administrative assistant position. The Public Defender's Office did confirm that they do have the funds to cover this.

Vicki Carmichael stated that their compliance numbers are much better.

Moved By Councilperson Fox

Seconded By Councilperson Lenfert

Motion to deny the Request for a salary ordinance amendment in County General as requested.

11. Reports and Comments

a. Council

Councilperson Williams-Hampton stated that it was a productive night and a productive month. She and Councilperson Fox did a ride along with Heartland. This was eye opening and enlightening.

Councilperson Grooms: None

Councilperson Snelling stated that he believes that the council works well together and is doing a good job for the taxpayers. He lost his mom last month and he had a lot of support from the council.

Councilperson Doherty: None

Councilperson Lenfert asked when property tax bill would be sent out. The auditor's office confirmed bills were sent out by the Treasurer's Office last week.

Councilperson Blevins: None

Councilperson Fox stated that the council has a joint meeting with the Commissioners at 4:00 on 5/11/2026. The current items on the agenda include EMS, budget, Comp Time, Health Insurance, and Drainage Board.

b. Attorney

None.

c. Auditor

The Clarksville Town Council is in the process of establishing an ERA (Economic Revitalization Area). They have sent an adopted resolution, a statement of benefits, and a notice regarding the Establishment of the Classic Truss Economic Revitalization Area in the Town of Clarksville. These documents are available in the Auditor's Office if you would like to view them.

The Auditor's Office conducts an ineligible homestead audit. The collections for this audit are receipted into fund 1216. Per statute, the auditor's office must transfer collections above a certain amount to the general fund. On 4/8/2026, the Auditor's Office transferred \$872,511.95 into the general fund.

12. Adjournment

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

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. 7-2026

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	\$10,200.00	6-1
	11171	0000	040	FICA / Medicare	\$780.30	6-1
	11176	0000	040	PERF	\$1,295.40	6-1
	30013	0000	027	Travel	\$2,100.00	7-0
	30051	0000	276	Contract Services	\$40,000.00	7-0
Juv Det Project Income						
4915	11105	0000	041	Part-Time Hourly	\$75,000.00	7-0
	11171	0000	041	FICA / Medicare	\$5,800.00	7-0
	40014	0000	041	Equipment	\$4,000.00	7-0
Opioid Restricted Funds						
1237	30051	0000	030	Contract Services	\$60,000.00	7-0
			040	Contract Services	\$90,000.00	7-0
SPDSF						
4906	11107	0000	040	Personal Services	\$242,097.00	6-1
	11171	0000	040	FICA / Medicare	\$18,520.42	6-1
	11173	0000	040	Group Insurance	\$15,000.00	6-1
	11176	0000	040	PERF	\$30,746.32	6-1
Auditor Non-Reverting						
4900	11173	0000	002	Group Insurance	\$14,300.00	7-0
LPHS						
1161	20035	0000	071	Medical Supplies	\$5,000.00	7-0
	20060	0000	071	Supplies	\$5,000.00	7-0
	30096	0000	071	Legal Fees And Charges	\$5,000.00	7-0
	32353	0000	071	Maintenance Agreements	\$5,000.00	7-0
Auditor Endorsement Fund						
1181	11173	0000	002	Group Insurance	\$10,000.00	7-0
EMA Donation Fund						
4970	20065	0000	039	Safety Equipment	\$1,000.00	7-0
HMGP23-Hazard Mitigation Grant						
8177	30051	0000	039	Contract Services	\$24,304.00	7-0
CASA- The Voice of Clark						
9107	11105	0000	194	Part-Time Hourly	\$18,000.00	7-0
Mobile Integrated Healthcare						
9168	40014	0000	071	Equipment	\$17,000.00	7-0
Grand Total						

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING SALARY AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026
 AMENDMENT NO. 3

Fund Name	Title of Position	Salary Ordinance Amendment Type	Fund	Loc.	Allowed	Vote	Effective Date
Justice Partners Addictions	Probation Officer	Shifting a portion of this position's salary to grant for grant period	#####	369	\$41,418.46	7-0	1/26/2026 to 9/20/2026
93.243 CCFTDC Brdg to Success	Case Manager/Financial Coord.	Raise	8160	302	\$48,000.00	7-0	12/19/2025
CASA- The Voice of Clark	Part-Time Advocate	Additional Part Time	9107	194	17.50 Per Hour	7-0	4/13/2026

Members of the Clark County Council

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NAYS

<u>Bryce Jeffery</u>	_____
<u>Stu Doherty</u>	_____
<u>Ronald B. [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Jack Walker</u>	_____
<u>Ronald S. Groome</u>	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Christopher A. Day</u>	_____

Attest: [Signature]

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 11th day of May, 2026.