



**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**
Regular Meeting of June 08, 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 6:06pm.

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

Regular Meeting- May 11, 2026

Joint Workshop- May 11, 2026

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

This item was skipped.

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

Ryan Lynch, Clark County Clerk, stated that he understands the reasons for the hiring freeze and that the council is trying to be responsible for taxpayer funds. He feels it is important to explain the operational realities of the Clerk's Office. Over the last few years, the Clerk's Office has worked proactively to increase efficiency and reduce costs where possible. The Clerk's Office is not just a general administrative office, they are a core part of the court system. The Clerk's Office has lost additional employees, when their staff was already stretched thin. A prolonged hiring freeze will cause delays and issues for meeting statutory deadlines. Mr. Lynch respectfully requested an exemption from the hiring freeze to fill critical vacancies.

Chief Public Defender Vicki Carmichael echoed what Ryan stated about the Clerk's Office. The Public Defender's Office is reactionary. It directly effects public safety when the Public Defender's Office is understaffed. They were notified on 5/12/2026 that one of their Public Defenders would be resigning. If this position is not replaced, the cases will not be reassigned and the Public Defender's Office will have to start telling the courts no. Ms. Carmichael would like to respectfully request an exemption to the hiring freeze. The open position is paid from 4906, not County General and there is adequate funding in 4906. Councilperson Fox asked when the Public Defender's Commission will review the Public Defender's Office compliance. Ms. Carmichael explained that this is reviewed on a quarterly basis. The misdemeanor project will be reevaluated in the fall.

Judge Lisa Reger introduced the new Chief Probation Officer, Evan Roach. He comes into the office with a lot of experience from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Evan explained that he retired from

Kentucky Department of Corrections. He was a fixer for the department and was assigned an office that was under investigation by the Auditor's Office. By the time he retired this office became the showcase office.

Judge Lisa Reger echoed what Ryan Lynch and Vicki Carmichael said. With respect to the Juvenile Detention Department she would like an exemption to the hiring freeze to fill vacancies. These positions are critical to the operation of the Juvenile Detention Center. These are not new positions, they were budgeted. She is asking the council to allow for filling these positions. It would not save the county money to close the JDC. There would be costs and time associated with having those youth housed elsewhere. As far as the amount of staff needed goes, there are federal standards regarding the number of corrections officers needed per youth. In Clark County there has to be at least 3 Corrections Officers per shift. In the JDC, there are currently 12 Clark County kids and 8 out of county kids, which is over capacity.

Carolyn King, from Jeffersonville, spoke about the ICE detainees held by the Clark County Jail. She feels for the individuals and families of those incarcerated. She is also spoke on behalf of Do Something Southern Indiana, a nonpartisan group that grew out of pain felt about this. She stated that most of the ICE detainees are women. She stated that we are not the ones arresting them, we are the ones holding them captive. She does not know when the contract is up or who signs it. There is only 5 counties in the state of Indiana housing ICE detainees and Clark County is one of them.

Kerri Vaughn, of Charlestown, spoke regarding the Council's claim to the budget shortfall. She stated that she has previously presented to the council options for the county to generate revenue from solar projects. People get distracted by technical issues regarding solar, but at it's core it is an economic development project. Counties are using funds from their renewable energy projects to offset hardships from SB-1. It is important to note that tax rates come down for all taxpayers when renewable energy projects hit the tax roll. She stated that her offer still stands to set up an education session with the council regarding this.

James McClure, of Clarksville, spoke in favor of the austerity measures of the council. He stated that "as republicans it is our responsibility see that tax payer funds are handled responsibly". He appreciates the council's attempt to rein in spending and believes that the county has to continue to hold the line on this. He thanked the council for their hard work. No matter what decisions the council makes, people will be angry.

9. New Business

a. Health Department, Doug Bentfield

All requests below are for grant funds.

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

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

From 8212-11107-071 Personal Services \$2,500.00

To 8212-20060-071 Supplies \$2,500.00

a.b Request for a transfer of appropriation in Mobile Integrated Healthcare

From 9168-40014-071 Equipment \$2,200.00

To 9168-20035-071 Medical Supplies \$2,200.00

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

From 8212-11107-071 Personal Services \$2,500.00

To 8212-40014-071 Equipment \$2,500.00

From 8212-11107-071 Personal Services \$1,000.00

To 8121-20060-071 Supplies \$1,000.00

b. Planning and Zoning, Eric Wise

b.a Request for an additional appropriation in Planning & Zoning Fees Fund

4957-30051-024 Contract Services \$5,000.00

This would be used to conduct a state mandated housing study that is due January 1. This was not known during the 2026 budget process as the statute will go into effect 7/1/2026.

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve the Request for an additional appropriation in Planning & Zoning Fees Fund as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

c. Clark County Courts, Nick Karaffa and Adrian Anderson

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Blevins

Motion to approve all requests listed under Clark County Courts, Nick Karaffa and Adrian Anderson as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

c.a Request for additional appropriation in CCATS Supreme Court Grant

8891-30115-302 Drug Screening \$750.00

8891-30013-302 Travel \$1,800.00

These are for grant purchases that were made in January for a 2025 expense, therefore additional appropriations are needed.

c.b Request for additional appropriations in County General

1000-30175-302 Transcripts & Depositions \$25,000.00

The courts are almost out of appropriation for this line item. Transcripts are being prepared for four current appeals and there will be an additional attempted murder trial that will have an appeal.

d. Clark County Commissioners, Bryan Glover

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to approve the requests for additional appropriations in 1135, additional appropriations in 1138, the transfer of appropriation in 1135, and the transfer of appropriation in 1000 as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

Item d.e was voted on separately, below.

- d.a Request for additional appropriation in Cum Bridge**
1135-40175-064 Decker Lane Lining \$73,345.00
This is for a culvert replacement on Decker Lane.
- d.b Request for additional appropriation in Clark County Cum Capital**
1138-40173-030 CR160 Milling and Paving \$15,750.00
This is for a change order received from Hall Paving on the County Road 160 Milling and Paving Project and is outside of the Community Crossings Grant.
- d.c Request for a transfer of appropriation in Cum Bridge**
From 1135-30051-064 Contract Services \$320,000.00
To 1135-40176-064 Bridge 55- Carroll Road \$320,000.00
This should have been originally been appropriated under the account for Bridge 55-Carroll Road instead of the general Contract Services line.
- d.d Request for a transfer of appropriation in County General**
From 1000-11107-030 Personal Services \$17,000.00
To 1000-30134-030 Election Technician \$17,000.00
The person performing the duties of Election Technician is no longer a county employee, therefore will be paid as a contractor out of a 3xxxx series account.
- d.e Resolution pertaining to the approval of the acceptance of transfer of property**
This resolution is in the best interests of Clark County and Floyd County to: settle an existing lawsuit with the operator of Clark-Floyd Landfill; for Floyd County to not be a part of an existing or a new long-term Franchise Agreement with the Operator of the Landfill; for Clark County and Floyd County to enter into and Indemnity Agreement for Clark County to indemnify Floyd County for any past, present, or future costs or liability associated with the operations of the Landfill; and for Floyd County to quitclaim any and all of its interests in the Landfill to Clark County.

Commissioner Glover asked the council to make this contingent on a franchise agreement and an RND contract.

Moved By Councilperson Grooms
Seconded By Councilperson Lenfert

Motion to approve Resolution 1-2026, pertaining to the approval of the acceptance of transfer of property, and including the language recommended by Bryan Glover stating that the quit claim deed and indemnity agreement are contingent on the settlement agreement and release, a new franchise agreement, and an RNG Contract.

Carried (7 to 0)

e. Emergency Management Agency, Gavan Hebner

e.a Request for additional appropriation in Southern Trauma Advisory Comm

9169-20060-039 Supplies \$2,717.55

This is a new grant for Emergency Management.

Moved By Councilperson Doherty

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriation in Southern Trauma Advisory Comm as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

f. Auditor, Danny Yost

f.a Request for a salary ordinance amendment in Auditors Ineligible Deductions

Payroll Deputy- Temporary Training

Raise in hourly rate to match Full Time position pay

1216-002, Effective 5/1/2026, \$28.57 per hour

This request is to raise the Part Time Temporary Training Payroll position from \$27.23 per hour to \$28.57 to match the full time payroll position pay rate.

Moved By Councilperson Blevins

Seconded By Councilperson Lenfert

Motion to approve the Request for a salary ordinance amendment in Auditors

Ineligible Deductions as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

g. Drainage Board, Jack Coffman

g.a Request for a transfer of appropriation in County General

From 1000-40014-026 Equipment \$400.00

To 1000-30051-026 Contract Services \$400.00

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

Motion to approve the Request for a transfer of appropriation in County General as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

h. Juvenile Detention, Jennifer Snawder, Tracy Keith, and Lisa Reger

h.a Discussion regarding Emergency Request for exception to hiring freeze due to escalating full-time staff vacancies at Juvenile Detention Center

This was discussed under Public Comments.

h.b Request for a transfer of appropriation in Juv Det Project Income

From 4915-40014-041 Equipment \$10,000.00

To 4915-20043-041 Food Items \$10,000.00

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to approve the Request for a transfer of appropriation in Juv Det Project Income as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

10. Old Business

None.

11. Reports and Comments

a. Council

Councilperson Williams-Hampton stated that she is glad to see citizens at county meetings bringing up concerns such as ICE Detainees. She thanked County employees for their hard work.

Councilperson Grooms echoed Councilperson Williams-Hampton's comments. He stated that it is good to see people involved in government.

Councilperson Snelling piggy backed off the previous council comments. He likes to see the room full. He is fairly new at this but is taking the challenges very serious. He stated it was good to see Ms. Oglesby in the crowd.

Councilperson Doherty thanked the office holders for caring about their employees and their community. He stated the council hears what they are saying.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that he would like to look into LIT reallocation. He reached out to Policy Analytics for them to do a deep dive into what this will look like. They submitted a proposal not to exceed \$15,000.00. He would like to reduce the \$250,000 appropriated in Riverboat that is no longer necessary and appropriate the \$15,000 for this contract in July. He asked the Auditor's office to send the contract to policy analytics to get this started.

Last month Councilperson Lenfert asked the Auditor's Office to look at dormant funds. The Auditor's Office produced a list of several funds with total balances of around \$600,000.00. A lot of this has a purpose. He is working with the departments to get them to use the money or transfer to County General. There are quite a few that are Commissioners funds that he would like to work with Scott Lewis on.

The DLGF put out the Circuit Breaker report for Clark County. We now have a more accurate estimate of the 2026 Net Levy. It is more favorable than what Baker Tilly estimated it to be. There is almost \$900k more than originally projected. Based on settlement, we are tracking well to collect this. We will end the year with 9.8 million in cash reserves which is about 25% of the operating balance. This is including spending all budgeted dollars for personal services.

Gas Tax revenue will be severely effected due to the gas tax suspension by the state. The Governor's press release did announce that he is encouraging state budget makers to make

counties whole from state coffers.

Councilperson Blevins thanked everyone for coming. He appreciates all of the work Brian has put in. He stated that he would rather used Brian's numbers than Baker Tilly.

Councilperson Fox thanked the department heads who worked with the council concerning the hiring freeze. There is still a challenge going forward.

b. Attorney

Attorney Max McCrite stated that for LIT reallocation, he believes notice and a decision needs to be made by August 1. This means action will need to happen at the July meeting. He will be researching this further.

c. Auditor

Auditor Danny Yost stated that we will be getting \$69,244 from the IV-D cost allocation plan. This is receipted into the General Fund. Since Danny became Auditor, we have received \$632,449.09.

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. 11-2026

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
Clark County Cum Capital						
1138	40173	0000	030	CR160 Milling and Paving	\$15,750.00	7-0
County General						
1000	30175	0000	302	Transcripts & Depositions	\$25,000.00	7-0
Cum Bridge						
1135	40175	0000	064	Decker Lane Lining	\$73,345.00	7-0
Planning & Zoning Fees Fund						
4957	30051	0000	024	Contract Services	\$5,000.00	7-0
CCATS SUPREME COURT GRANT						
8891	30013	0000	302	Travel	\$1,800.00	7-0
	30115	0000	302	Drug Screening	\$750.00	7-0
Southern Trauma Advisory Comm						
9169	20060	0000	039	Supplies	\$2,717.55	7-0
Grand Total						

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 12-2026

Fund	Loc.	Acct.	Obj.	Acct. Desc.	Allowed	Vote
93.074 Public Health Prep.						
8212	071	11107	0000	Personal Services	-\$1,000.00	7-0
					-\$2,500.00	7-0
		20060	0000	Supplies	\$1,000.00	7-0
					\$2,500.00	7-0
		40014	0000	Equipment	\$2,500.00	7-0
County General						
1000	030	11107	0000	Personal Services	-\$17,000.00	7-0
		30134	0000	Election Technician	\$17,000.00	7-0
	026	30051	0000	Contract Services	\$400.00	7-0
		40014	0000	Equipment	-\$400.00	7-0
Cum Bridge						
1135	064	30051	0000	Contract Services	-\$320,000.00	7-0
		40176	0000	Bridge 55-Carrol Road	\$320,000.00	7-0
Juv Det Project Income						
4915	041	40014	0000	Equipment	-\$10,000.00	7-0
		20043	0000	Food Items	\$10,000.00	7-0
Mobile Integrated Healthcare						
9168	071	20035	0000	Medical Supplies	\$2,200.00	7-0
		40014	0000	Equipment	-\$2,200.00	7-0

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING SALARY AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026
AMENDMENT NO. 5

Fund Name		Title of Position	Salary Ordinance Amendment Type	Fund	Loc.	Allowed	Vote	Effective Date
Auditors Ineligible Deductions		Payroll Deputy Temporary Training	Raise Hourly Rate	1216	002	\$28.57 per hour	7-0	5/18/2026

Members of the Clark County Council

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NAYS

Bill G. G.
 Ronald Groom
 Leah Will
 Brian Sengert
 Ronald B.
 Christopher A. Day
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 Attest: Day Y. T.

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 13th day of July, 2026.