



**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**  
Regular Meeting of August 10, 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:**

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**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**

Reaffirm approval of June 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Moved By** Councilperson Grooms

**Seconded By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Motion to reaffirm approval of June 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**Moved By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

**Seconded By** Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**6. Agenda Amendments and Approval**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**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**

Katherine Flowers, of Jeffersonville, spoke on behalf of Do Something Southern Indiana. She thanked the Auditor's Office and the Sheriff's Office for providing requested records. She stated that they could not find what housing ICE inmates cost the county. She asked the council if they have done this analysis and whether the reimbursements have been set aside. She also asked when the Sheriff would be presenting his budget. Councilperson Fox stated that the Sheriff's budget would be presented August 25 at 4:30pm.

Mitchell Van Kleeve, of Clarksville, spoke on behalf of Do Something Southern Indiana. He discussed the Economic Costs of fear. He touched on the impact for schools, healthcare, families, and businesses.

Rhiannon Ryan, of Clarksville, spoke on behalf of Do Something Southern Indiana. She discussed humans, our neighbors, and our community. She spoke about the fact that there have been 783 people held in our county jail for immigration enforcement. She stated that a major majority of

these are not classified as criminals and that a majority are women.

Charlestown Mayor, Treva Hodges stated that she received the council's letter concerning a potential Local Income Tax change. She asked the council to be aware of the impact to other local units. The City of Charlestown will be adopting their budget at the beginning of October and they would like to be informed of the change prior to adopting their budget.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Juvenile Detention, Jennifer Snawder and Tracy Keith**

Tracy Keith explained that they have surpassed the original budget estimate for Part-Time. She stated that part-time employees are crucial. The Juvenile Detention Project Income has the cash balance to fund the amount requested through per diem that has been collected for housing children from other counties. The per diem for a youth being held from other counties is \$200 a day. If the detainee is being charged as an adult, they are able to charge \$300 per day.

Councilperson Blevins asked if this request is for additional part-time employees. Tracy Keith explained that they are hiring additional part-time employees to keep their current part-time employees from going over 29.5 hours per week. They have 13 full time staff that run on 4 separate shifts. They currently have 5 part time staff.

Councilperson Snelling asked how many Clark County kids Juvenile Detention houses per month. On an annual basis, the Juvenile Detention Center houses between 7 to 10 Clark County kids per month.

Councilperson Fox stated that as the council goes into budget season, they have asked all departments to sharpen their pencils. In light of that, he proceeded to make the following motion:

**Moved By Councilperson Fox**

**Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.**

Motion to table requests a.a and a.b; and to approve requests a.c and a.d.

Chief Deputy Auditor Lindsey Wilmoth stated that the transfer listed under a.c was to reverse the transfer done last month due to the advertisement error. Approving this transfer only makes sense if an additional appropriation is approved to cover this, otherwise the account will be negative.

**Amendment of Motion:**

Motion to approve \$19,000 in additional appropriation in 4915-11105-041, to table the additional appropriation in 4915-11171-041, to table the balance of \$92,000 in 4915-11105-041, to table a.b, to approve a.c with the correction listed below, and to approve a.d.

**Amendment of Motion:**

Motion to approve \$38,000 in additional appropriations in 4915-11105-041, to approve \$3,000 in additional appropriations in 4915-11171-041, to table the balance of \$92,000 in 4915-11105-041, to table the balance of \$6,945 in 4915-11171-041, to table a.b, to approve a.c with the correction listed below, and to approve a.d.

**Carried (7 to 0)**

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

4915-11105-041 Part-Time Hourly \$130,000.00

4915-11171-041 FICA/Medicare \$9,945.00

**a.b Request for a salary ordinance amendment in Juv Det Project Income**

4915-041, Food Service Director, \$45,758.00, Effective 7/1/2026

**a.c Request for a transfer of appropriations in Juv Det Project Income**

From 4915-40014-041 Equipment \$19,000.00

To 4915-11105-041 Part-Time Hourly \$19,000.00

This item was listed incorrectly on the agenda, the request is actually:

From 4915-11105-041 Part Time Hourly \$19,000.00

To 4915-40014-041 Equipment \$19,000.00

**a.d Request for additional appropriations in 10.555 School Lunch Grant**

8115-30094-041 Meals \$25,000.00

**b. Tri-Township Fire Protection District, Amir Mousavi**

**b.a Ordinance 15-2026, A request for additional appropriations in Cumulative**

**Fire Special**

This is for the purchase of land for a future site of a fire station.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that unless their miscellaneous revenue comes in more than projected, they may not be able to spend this entire appropriation without the fund having a negative balance. Amir Mousavi stated that they do not plan on spending the entire amount.

**Moved By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

**Seconded By** Councilperson Fox

Motion to approve the Ordinance 14-2026, A request for additional appropriations in Cumulative Fire Special as requested.

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**c. Clark County Treasurer, Monty Snelling**

**c.a Request for additional appropriations in Treasurer Fees Fund N/R**

4954-30067-003 Dues \$5,871.72

This is for the SRI contract. The cost will be reimbursed by Tax Sale Fees that will be receipted into this fund at settlement.

**Moved By** Councilperson Doherty

**Seconded By** Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in Treasurer Fees Fund N/R as requested.

**Carried (7 to 0)**

Councilperson Lenfert stated that he looked at the 2nd Quarter Miscellaneous Revenue spreadsheet for County General. He commended Monty for the increased interest earnings on deposit. Monty stated that he spoke to several banks about buying some CD's for two years to compensate for any rate decreases.

**d. New Washington Fire Protection District**

**d.a Resolution 2-2026, A resolution of the Clark County Council authorizing the issuance of New Washington Fire Protection District's General Obligation Bonds**

Matt Duncan, bond counsel for New Washington Fire Protection District, explained the legal process related to the bonds. The first step in the process is for the council to approve the requested resolution. If the bond resolution is approved, the next step will be a public hearing for additional appropriations and a preliminary determination to issue bonds. After the public hearing, in October, the board would adopt a resolution to make the determination to issue bonds and they will adopt a resolution for additional appropriation and to authorize the increase to their debt service levy. After that, there would be an additional notice published twice in the local newspaper, seven days apart. There would then be a 15 day challenge period where taxpayers could remonstrate. They are planning to market and price the bonds in April of 2027 and close in May of 2027.

The proposed resolution authorizes New Washington Fire Protection District to issue the general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed of \$1,350,000. This would be payable twice a year, for a period not to exceed 15 years. The max interest rate is 6.5%. The purpose of these bonds is to purchase a fire engine and related equipment and to pay for the cost of the issuance of the bond. The fire protection district expects the total cost to be less than the maximum.

New Washington Fire Chief, Jason Cochran, explained that they will be purchasing an ISO rated Rescue Pumper for Station 1. The rescue pumper that they currently have for primary response at Station 1 is over 20 years old and is not ISO rated. This piece of equipment is one of the most used. It carries 750 gallons of water and the ability to carry water and also foam. This will help their ISO rating, which can in turn help home insurance rates. They do not have water hydrants in the norther part of New Washington.

Councilperson Grooms asked about the area that they cover. Chief Cochran stated that they cover 92 square miles in Bethlehem Township, Oregon Township, Owen Township, and Washington Township.

Councilperson Snelling asked if the lower ISO rating would be a benefit to homeowners. Chief Cochran stated that it would be an improvement for Home Insurance rates due to the ISO rating.

Councilperson Grooms asked if the Fire District has other bond debt. They stated

that they have no other bonds. They do have another loan payment that they pay out of their operational budget.

Andrew Lanam, with Stifel, presented the analysis of the fiscal impacts of the new bonds. Overall this would raise the district tax rate around 2.44%. The median homestead property would increase around \$30.50 per year. He stated that there would not be Circuit Breaker impact due to deductions and credits already being received.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that he went out to New Washington to look at their current equipment. He stated that he could tell that the current equipment is dated and that it is the workhorse of the department. It carries the jaws of life and other equipment in addition to standard fire equipment. He can understand why it would need to be replaced, being over 20 years old. Chief Cochran stated that they have spent over \$21,000 over the last 3 years on maintenance on the current equipment.

Councilperson Doherty stated it sounds like this is definitely needed. However, he would feel more comfortable if he had more time to speak with people in the area to get their opinion. Matt Duncan stated that this is not the final approval step. The fire district will need to publish notice and hold public hearings. Councilperson Blevins stated that he agrees with Councilperson Doherty. Councilperson Doherty asked what stops it from going through, if there is push back. Matt Duncan stated that there is a 15 day remonstrance period where taxpayers can sign a petition to challenge it. If that happened, the DLGF would get involved. Councilperson Doherty stated that he would still like additional time to speak with taxpayers in the area.

Councilperson Fox reminded the council that this district does not have fire hydrants.

Max McCrite asked if there was still time to table this until next month. Matt Duncan confirmed that there would be time to table this for one month.

Councilperson Snelling stated that he would like to table this until next month.

Councilperson Williams-Hampton asked how the council would communicate to the taxpayers in the district.

Chief Cochran stated that the fire department would be willing to open the firehouse to put the old equipment on display. The fire department would look

forward to hosting the council and citizens of the district. Councilperson Snelling stated that he would be willing to come.

Councilperson Blevins asked the fire department to call the council personally to set up this event. He wants to make sure that the council communicates to the citizens. He also stated he is against property taxes and to raise them would have to be life or death.

Councilperson Snelling asked the fire department to host an open house at the fire department. He asked them to set a date and make sure it was advertised at places throughout New Washington and to send the council an invitation.

Councilperson Grooms asked the fire district to send the council something that shows the impact to their budget. Andrew Lanam stated that this will effect the 2028 budget, not the 2027 budget. Fiscal impact is shown in the presentation that was distributed.

Councilperson Fox reiterated that the council is asking the Fire District to host an open house at the firehouse before September 14, to get feedback from residents, and to report back to the next council meeting for consideration.

**Moved By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

**Seconded By** Councilperson Grooms

Motion to table Resolution 2-2026, A resolution of the Clark County Council authorizing the issuance of New Washington Fire Protection District's General Obligation Bonds.

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**e. Clark County Probation, Evan Roach and Mischell Settles**

The requests below would move the JDAI budget from the Juvenile Detention location to the Probation location as this grant will be administered by Probation.

**Moved By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

**Seconded By** Councilperson Doherty

Motion to approve the Clark County Probation, Evan Roach and Mischell Settles as requested.

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**e.a Request for a reduction in appropriation in JDAI #2**

9157-20043-041 Food Items \$3,750.00  
9157-20060-041 Supplies \$600.00  
9157-30013-041 Travel \$7,500.00  
9157-36000-041 Education/Prevention \$33,440.00

**e.b Request for additional appropriations in JDAI #2**

9157-20043-369 Food Items \$3,750.00  
9157-20060-369 Supplies \$600.00  
9157-30013-369 Travel \$7,500.00  
9157-36000-369 Education/Prevention \$33,440.00

**f. Clark County Commissioners, Jack Coffman**

**f.a Request for a transfer of appropriation in County General**

From 1000-20060-030 Supplies \$500.00  
To 1000-40011-030 Furniture Fixtures \$500.00

**Moved By** Councilperson Doherty

**Seconded By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

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

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**g. Utica Township Fire Protection District, Kelly Khuri**

**g.a Ordinance requesting additional appropriations for Utica Township Fire Protection District in Special Fire General**

Special Fire General \$592,827.00

Kelly Khuri, Board President of the Utica Fire Protection District, presented an ordinance requesting additional appropriations. The funds they are asking to appropriate were received due to their settlement agreement. This will be used

to purchase 2 ambulances, a tanker, a boat trailer, lawn and equipment. They have also partnered with Ivy Tech to be a hands-on site for their fire and EMS programs, so they will be purchasing gear for this.

Councilperson Lenfert asked for the breakdown of what will be purchased for Vehicles and Equipment for \$295,919. Kelly Khuri stated that this will be used to purchase 2 used ambulances which are around \$79,000 each. They will be purchasing graphics and gear to stock the ambulances. They will be purchasing a boat, a trailer, and equipment for that and a water tanker. She stated that she thinks that is it, unless she is missing something.

Kelly Khuri reminded the council that this is money they got in their settlement. The items they will be purchasing are things they should have already had. The population of their district has grown 45%. Their ISO rating is currently down to 4. She stated that the council is welcome to come see the fire department at any time.

Councilperson Lenfert asked for the additional items that would be purchased for the \$295,919. He stated that when the council approves an appropriation for equipment, they like to see a breakdown of what will be purchased.

Councilperson Snelling stated that the work they are doing is great. His concern at the moment is the itemization of this request. Kelly Khuri stated that this money was stolen and they had to sue to receive it. They should have this money and the equipment. The people of Utica Township Fire Protection District deserve more. She stated that they may move the money requested around if needed. It is not set in stone.

Councilperson Grooms and Councilperson Blevins stated that they would like to see an itemized list of what this additional appropriation will be used for. Councilperson Blevins stated that he would be happy to help with an itemized list if needed.

**Moved By** Councilperson Grooms

**Seconded By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Motion to table Ordinance 16-2026, and ordinance requesting additional appropriations for Utica Township Fire Protection District in Special Fire General as requested.

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**h. County Extension**

**h.a Request for a transfer of appropriation in County General**

From 1000-30013-023 Travel \$1,000.00

To 1000-20060-023 Supplies \$1,000.00

No one was present from County Extension.

**Moved By** Councilperson Lenfert

**Seconded By** Councilperson Doherty

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

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**10. Old Business**

**a. Clark County Clerk, Ryan Lynch**

**a.a Request for additional appropriations in County General**

1000-11105-022 Part-time Hourly \$20,000.00

The council approved a salary ordinance for Part-Time in the 2026 Salary Ordinance, however they did not include an appropriation for this position. This request is to correct that error.

**Moved By** Councilperson Lenfert

**Seconded By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

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

**Carried (7 to 0)**

## **11. Reports and Comments**

### **a. Council**

Councilperson Lenfert stated that he looked over the location budget for group insurance and noticed there was no expense in 1175-11173-005. He asked the auditor's office to look into this. Councilperson Lenfert stated that the council should plan for Max McCrite to not be available next year. He would like Max McCrite to draft an RFP for Council Attorney. He would like the RFP sent out September 1st, with a response period of 60 days. This would allow the council to have time to review the submissions and have someone lined up in December to begin January 1. He asked Councilperson Fox to review the proposed RFP.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that he had notice sent for the MUST meetings last week. The meetings will be every other Tuesday mornings at 10 am starting August 18th. They will be discussing the proper local income tax structure for Clark County.

Councilperson Williams-Hampton stated that Clark County is trying to heal from a collective trauma. The folks who are harmed by the trauma, must heal from it. At tonight's meeting, they saw the council's commitment to restore public trust and transparency and try to heal as best as we can. She commended Utica Township Fire Protection for their hard work. She thinks it is important for them to have the equipment that they need but also for the appropriation request to clearly state where it is going. She also thanked Juvenile Detention as she spent two hours with them to understand their staffing needs. She encouraged the council to visit county departments and workers.

Councilperson Grooms stated that tonight's meeting was a good exercise of government and a good meeting.

Councilperson Snelling stated that he would like to piggyback on what Councilperson Williams-Hampton said. He understands that there were issues in the past but he wasn't part of that. The council has an obligation to the taxpayers.

Councilperson Doherty stated that there is a budget session tomorrow at 4pm.

Councilperson Blevins commended the council and stated that he appreciates those in the audience.

Councilperson Fox stated that the council has 3 budget meetings coming up on August 11, August 20, and August 25. All of the budget meetings begin at 4pm. He also thanked the highway department for their hard work.

### **b. Attorney**

None.

**c. Auditor**

None.

**12. Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councilperson Snelling Jr.

**Seconded By** Councilperson Doherty

Motion to adjourn.

**Carried (7 to 0)**

Members of the Clark County Council

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Ronald B. [Signature]

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Brian Zepfeld

Christopher A. Day

Steve Wobert

Leah Wilk [Signature]

Ronald Groom

Attest: Danny Yost

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 14 day of September, 2026.