

**MINUTES**  
**MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Monday, March 10, 2025, the Marshall County Council met in a public meeting at the Marshall County Building, Room 203, 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana, at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to the call of the President. The board members present were President Tim Harman, Vice President Nicole Cox, Deborah Johnson, Will Patterson, Brandon Schadek, and Steve Gorski; Council Attorney Marcel Lebbin; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. Council Member James Masterson was absent. The meeting streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>, the Invocation was given by Pastor Lowe, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, and noting a quorum is present, the business at hand was heard.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public input concerning agenda items was heard.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Council v Commissioners & Tamarack Solar: The special judge dismissed the case without prejudice.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Highway: Member Gorski reported that a meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> with Superintendent Peters, Council members Gorski, Masterson, and Schadek, and Auditor Birchmeier. The financials, impact of inflation, leasing vs. buying, Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) study, and the challenges of maintenance on the equipment and vehicles were discussed. The next meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Budget & Finance: President Harman reported that a meeting has not been held. He provided members with a spreadsheet of 2025 Cash Balances for Key Funds. The cash balance of the following funds was listed: General, Rainy Day, LIT Special Purpose, 911, Central Dispatch, Local Road & Street, MVH, MVH Restricted, Health, Health First Indiana, Clerks Record Perpetuation, and Cum Cap Development.

Job Classification & Compensation: Member Cox reported that a meeting was held on February 27<sup>th</sup> with Council members Masterson, Cox, and Johnson, Human Resources Administrator Daake, and Auditor Birchmeier. The following requests were discussed:

- Maintenance Department: Supervisor job description.
- Plan Commission: Director and Administrative Assistant job descriptions.
- Health Department: Two new job descriptions for grant funded positions of Tobacco Control and Tobacco Youth Coordinator. Addition of two new personnel for the Clerk Registrar II and Public Health Nurse positions.
- Sheriff: In the LIT Special Purpose fund, reduce Civil Process Server to one position, reduce Turnkey/Dispatcher by one position, and increase the Turnkey/Dispatcher by two positions in the Emergency Telephone fund.

The committee provided a favorable recommendation for the Sheriff's request. The Health Department decided not to pursue the grant and withdrew its request for two new job descriptions.

### **MARSHALL COUNTY HOPE**

Linda Yoder and Annette Haining presented a flow chart of Marshall County HOPE Substance Abuse Needs Assessment. Ms. Yoder stated there are an estimated 6,640 people (age 18+) with a substance abuse disorder in Marshall County and there are 4,794 adults needing substance abuse treatment but are not receiving it. The objectives of Marshall County HOPE are to be a county-wide hub for peer recovery services, to convene a consortium of community leaders and partners involved in supporting individuals in recovery, and to facilitate connection of individuals in recovery with community resources. Kenny Schoff explained his role as a Peer Recovery Coach, working with the Drug Court Team, Community Corrections, establishing Moral Reconciliation Therapy classes in the jail, and assisting individuals with housing needs. Marshall County HOPE has applied for, but has not received, their 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service. Ms. Yoder requested the Council financially support Marshall County HOPE with the funds available in the Opioid Restricted fund, in the amount of \$191,131.08. She explained that Marshall County HOPE falls within four Approved Uses listed in Schedule B of the Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses. Attorney Lebbin explained that a decision cannot be made until the 501(c)(3) is established. **Tim Harman moved, second by Will Patterson, to table the request to allow the Commissioners and Council time to review. Motion carried 6-0.**

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Board of Commissioners President Stan Klotz stated following approval of the appropriations by Council this evening, the paperwork may be signed for the purchase of the Bowen Building. The purchase price is \$450,000 with \$250,000 down and \$100,000 payments in years two and three. Discussion was held concerning the Health Department's appropriation of \$100,000 for services and repairs.

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Ordinance 2025-12:** Board of Commissioners President Stan Klotz presented Ordinance 2025-12: An Ordinance of the Marshall County Council Establishing the Marshall County Public Safety Grant Program and Associated New County Fund 9017, Public Safety Grant. The Council may appropriate a designated amount for use in the Program. The Commissioners will establish the terms for the grant administration. Generally, 80% of the annual appropriation will be disbursed in equal shares to the following units: Town of Argos for the Argos Fire Protection Territory, Town of Bourbon for the Bourbon Fire and EMS, Town of Bremen for the Bremen Fire Department, Town of Culver for the Culver Union Township Fire Department, North Township for the LaPaz North Township Fire Department, City of Plymouth for the Plymouth Fire Department, Polk Township for the Polk Township Fire Department, and Tippecanoe Township for the Tippecanoe Township Fire Department. The remaining 20% shall be available to the departments to apply on a first come first served basis for the purpose of special equipment or other capital assets used in Fire and EMS service.

John Grolich expressed concern to the Board regarding the first come first served basis language and suggested that it be removed or replaced. He thanked both Council and Commissioners for their support. **Tim Harman moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to strike "on a first come first served basis" and approve Ordinance 2025-12: An Ordinance of the Marshall County Council Establishing the Marshall County Public Safety Grant Program and Associated New County Fund. Motion carried 6-0.**

Plan Commission Additional Appropriation: Commissioner Kotz explained the additional appropriation request to be heard for the \$15,000 in the Plan Commission budget for Contractual Services is to allow the Plan Commission Board to enter into a contractual relationship to assist with preparing the cases for meetings.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS**

Ordinance 2025-1(3) Additional Appropriations: Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on February 27, 2025.

General Fund/Clerk (1000-001): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$10,000 into Wages-Clerical.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

General Fund/Treasurer (1000-003): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$4,101 into Wages-Deputies.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

General Fund/BZA (1000-078): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$10,000 into Legal Services.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

General Fund/Plan Commission (1000-079): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$15,000 into Contractual Services. Motion carried 6-0.**

General Fund/Probation (1000-273): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$6,000 into Urinalysis Supplies.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

LIT Special Purpose (1114): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$45,000 into Group Health Insurance.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Statewide 911 (1222): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$108,500 into Wages-Turnkey/Dispatcher; \$8,300 into Employer Social Security; and \$12,200 into Employer PERF. Motion carried 6-0.**

Marshall County Police Equipment (4011): **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$13,808 into Machinery & Equipment.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Bridge Inspection/Inventory FY22-25 (8106): **Brandon Schadek moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$88,980 into Bridge Insp/Inv FY22-25. Motion carried 6-0.**

Crisis CoAg Covid 19 (8825): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Steve Gorski, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$10,000 into Wages-Overtime; \$50,000 into Wages-School Liaison; \$3,800 into Employer Social Security; \$12,000 into Group Health Insurance; \$1,000 into Group Life Insurance; \$6,000 into Employer PERF; \$20,000 into Supplies; \$10,000 into Professional Services; \$10,000 into Travel/Mileage; and \$10,737.66 into Training. Motion carried 6-0.**

ARPA Lead Level Reduction (8951): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$2,279.48 into Other Operating Supplies.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

COVID-19 Insurance Reimbursement (9014): **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$141,740.39 into Other Capital Outlays-Building. Motion carried 6-0.**

Ordinance 2025-2(2): Transfer of Appropriations:

Community Corrections Project Income (1122-009): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the transfer of \$78,674.07 from Electronic Monitoring Equipment into Monitoring Fees-Adult. Motion carried 6-0.**

Local Public Health Services (1161): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from Operating Supplies into Office Equipment. Motion carried 6-0.**

MVH (1176): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer of \$10 from Office Supplies into Postage. Motion carried 6-0.**

MVH (1176): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from Vehicle Maintenance Supplies into Truck & Tractor Repair. Motion carried 6-0.**

Medical Benefits Self Insurance (4702): **Steve Gorski moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer of \$13,850 from Auxiant-True Rx Weekly into Paradigm Holdings. Motion carried 6-0.**

Ordinance 2025-4(2): Amending Salary Ordinance 2024-23: **Marshall County Sheriff, Fund 1114 LIT Special Purpose, reducing to 23 Turnkey/Dispatcher and reducing to 1 Civil Process Server; and Statewide 911 Fund 1222, increasing to 6 Turnkey/Dispatcher. Brandon Schadek moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve Ordinance 2025-4(2): Amending Salary Ordinance 2024-23. Motion carried 6-0.**

Ordinance 2025-5(2): Establish New County Fund 8120 20.205 Countywide Striping Initiative: **Will Patterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve Ordinance 2025-5(2): Establish New County Fund 8120 20.205 Countywide Striping Initiative. Motion carried 6-0.**

Resolution 2025-3: A Resolution of the Marshall County Council Requesting a Statutory Change to IC 6-3.6-7-14: Additional Rate for Criminal Justice Facilities: **President Harman explained the request is to the Indiana General Assembly to allow, as an additional use, any funds remaining in the LIT Special Purpose fund, when the bond issued is retired, to include jail operations. Nicole Cox moved, second Brandon Schadek, to approve Resolution 2025-3: A Resolution of the Marshall County Council Requesting a Statutory Change to IC 6-3.6-7-14: Additional Rate for Criminal Justice Facilities. Motion carried 6-0.**

Minutes of February 10, 2025: **Will Patterson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

Lebbin Law Invoice: **Will Patterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the submission of Lebbin Law invoice #1686 in the amount of \$1,240. Motion carried 6-0.**

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Board of Commissioners President Stan Klotz stated that the Commissioners met with Gibson Insurance and Signos concerning the possible implementation of a tiered participation in a glucose monitoring program. The cost is \$597 per person per quarter and would be implemented to help employees make good health decisions and to lower prescription costs.

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales will be in the Commissioners Room 203 on Thursday, March 13th from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 pm for a meet and greet session.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS - CONTINUED**

Opioid Restricted Fund: Discussion was held concerning members presenting suggestions at the next Council meeting, without scheduling a joint work session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. upon motion by Nicole Cox, second by Deborah Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Harman, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Will Patterson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Cox, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Gorski

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Masterson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brandon Schadek

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Johnson

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor