

MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Monday, September 8, 2025, the Marshall County Council met in a public meeting at the Marshall County Building, Room 203, 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana, at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to the call of the President. The board members present were President Tim Harman, Vice President Nicole Cox, James Masterson, Deborah Johnson, Will Patterson, Brandon Schadek, and Greg Compton; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. Council Attorney Marcel Lebbin was not present. The meeting streamed live at <http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN>, the Invocation was given by Brandon Schadek, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, noting a quorum was present, the business at hand was heard.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public input on agenda items was heard.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway: The subcommittee met, and discussion was held concerning additions to the 2025 Road Program. The subdivision streets being considered are Forest Hills, Oak Crest, Crest Lane, Dee Drive, and Tall Oaks; the estimated cost of this project is \$379,000.

Budget & Finance: A meeting was not held. President Harman provided a statement of the Cash Balances of Key Funds.

Job Classification & Compensation: The subcommittee presented a favorable recommendation to add Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) as a county department.

MUSEUM

Museum Executive Director Sandy Garrison and Historical Society Board President Mike Miley presented the quarterly report. They presented the Board with a copy of the Crossroads newsletters, Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture flyers, and Historical Society Board of Trustees minutes. They highlighted the number of visitors, project completion rate, long range planning, events, activities and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Ordinance 2025-1(9) Additional Appropriations: Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation was advertised in the Pilot News, posted on the county website, and bulletin boards on August 28, 2025.

General Fund/Sheriff (1000-005): **James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$2,509.72 into Wages-Overtime.**

Motion carried 7-0.

General Fund/Commissioners (1000-068): **James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$100,000 into Legal Services.**

Motion carried 7-0.

Cum Cap Development (1138): Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$97,500 into Machinery & Equipment and \$33,000 into Repair Buildings & Structures. Motion carried 7-0.

Local Road & Street (1169): Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$150,000 into Paint. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditors Ineligible Fund (1216): Nicole Cox moved, second by James Masterson, to approve the additional appropriation request of \$40,000 into Office Furniture & Fixtures and \$37,750 into Contractual Services. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 2025-2(8): Transfer of Appropriations:

General/Auditor(1000-002): Brandon Schadek moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer of \$500 from Professional Services and \$500 from Repair Furniture & Equipment into Wages-Overtime, in the total sum of \$1,000. Motion carried 7-0.

General/Commissioners (1000-068): James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer of \$80,000 from Stone, Gravel & Aggregates into Bituminous. Motion carried 7-0.

LIT Special Purpose (1114): Nicole Cox moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the transfer of \$30,000 from 911 Equipment Lease into Equipment Maintenance Contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Cum Cap Development (1138): Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from Technology-GIS into Contractual Services. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH Restricted (1173): James Masterson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from Other Operating Supplies into Road Signs. Motion carried 7-0.

MVH Restricted/MVH (1173/1176): Nicole Cox moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the transfer of \$8,000 from MVH Restricted Employer Social Security into MVH Employer Social Security. Motion carried 7-0.

K9 Program: Deborah Johnson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the transfer of \$1,000 from Training into Deputy Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.

Medical Benefits Self Insurance (4702): Nicole Cox moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the transfer of \$431,093.05 from Auxiant-TrueRx Weekly into Auxiant Weekly in the amount of \$430,000 and into PCORI Fee in the amount of 1,093.05. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of August 11, 2025: James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2025: Brandon Schadek moved, second by Deborah Johnson to approve the special meeting minutes of August 27, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 2025-4(6) Amending Salary Ordinance 2024-25: Marshall County Building Department, Fund 1000-312, adding one (1) interim Building Commissioner for the date of August 22, 2025 for training purposes; and, Probation Department, Fund 1000-273, adjusting one (1) Probation Officer (OB), Full-time, SO, Non-exempt to \$23.25 per hour, to be effective September 2, 2025. Brandon Schadek moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve Ordinance 2025-4(6): Amending Salary Ordinance 2024-25, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Lebbin Law Invoice: Member Compton questioned the legal fees being spent to sue volunteers. Nicole Cox moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the submission of Lebbin Law invoice #1802 in the amount of \$8,450. Motion carried 7-0.

Cender Dalton Invoice: **James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the submission of Cender Dalton invoice #11902 in the amount of \$1,844.50. Motion carried 7-0.**

Sewer Discussion: President Harman and Vice President Cox travelled to Indianapolis with Commissioner Jesse Bohannon to meet with Indiana Department of Environmental Management to discuss concerns with the cost of the project.

PUBLIC INPUT

Steve Barber, 13391 5C Road, Plymouth, expressed appreciation for the \$50,000 grant to fire departments.

Board of Commissioners President Stan Klotz thanked the board for supporting the creation of a CASA Department. He further requested support of an additional appropriation of \$400,000 to support the Highway Department in paving the subdivisions as presented earlier in the meeting. **Brandon Schadek moved, second by James Masterson, to support the Commissioners in presenting an additional appropriation of \$400,000 at the next meeting to pave additional roadways. Motion carried 7-0.**

President Klotz stated he attended a meeting where a presentation was provided by Steve Dalton regarding the new laws and funding. He expressed appreciation to the board for the difficult budget decisions that they would be making today.

The following individuals provided public input concerning septic: Connie Gibbs, 15875 Menominee Drive, Plymouth; Wendi Miller, 13332 6C Road, Plymouth; and Bill Woodward, 12094 Peach Road, Plymouth.

DUSTIN'S PLACE

Dustin's Place Executive Director Viki Brown stated that the renovation of their new space is complete and thanked the board for their support. She invited everyone to attend the Grand Opening on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 2855 Miller Drive, Plymouth. The ribbon cutting will be held at 10:30 a.m. and a family ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m.

RECESS

A recess was taken from 10:15 a.m. until 10:25 a.m.

2026 BUDGET HEARING

Marshall County Solid Waste: Director Marianne Peters presented the proposed budget of \$579,206.72, which has been approved by the Solid Waste Board. She explained that the proposed budget includes a three percent increase in wages for all employees and \$50,000 for capital improvements, which includes the addition of an office enclosure in the Recycle Depot.

Marshall County Tourism Commission: The annual budget aligns with the total estimated revenue from the prior year. In total, the estimated revenue will be \$498,855.07. The budget includes \$199,542.03, reflecting 40% of the total budget, allocated to the Marshall County Tourism Commission to be utilized for destination development, event sponsorships, research, and operation expenses. The remaining \$299,313.04, or 60% of the total budget, allocated to the Nonprofit Marketing Organization to be utilized for day-to-day marketing activities, digital marketing campaigns, print and media advertising, community outreach and engagement, staff, and other operational expenses.

Marshall County: The total budget request is \$46,056,600. The General Fund budget total is \$20,488,299 and the Special Fund budgets total \$25,568,301. The Estimated Civil Max Levy is \$12,702,215 and the Property Tax Cap is \$1,073,600

Commissioners: The total budget submitted is \$8,448,988. Bituminous reduced \$1,200,000; Stone, Gravel, Aggregates reduced \$450,000; Community Crossings Match reduced \$166,666; Capital Outlays-Buildings reduced \$75,000; Legal Services reduced \$30,000; Professional Services reduced \$5,000; Postage reduced \$5,000; Legal Advertising reduced \$2,000; Trash Hauling & Recycling reduced \$2,000; Burial Soldiers & Sailors reduced \$2,000; and Office Supplies reduced \$1,000.

Drainage Board: The total budget submitted is \$9,800. Legal Services reduced \$1,000.

Cumulative Capital Development (CCD): The total budget submitted is \$1,202,704.

Medical Benefits Self Insurance: The total budget submitted is \$3,561,069.

Dental Benefits Self Insurance: The total budget submitted is \$174,295.

County IV-D Incentive: The total budget submitted is \$5,500.

Building Maintenance: The total budget submitted is \$973,375. Repair Buildings & Structures reduced \$225,000.

Highway: The total budget submitted is \$5,786,702. Garage Equipment reduced \$3,000; Subcontractor Services reduced \$20,000; Other Operating Supplies reduced \$10,000; Road Signs reduced \$10,000; and Tools reduced \$2,000.

Cum Bridge: The total budget submitted is \$2,204,499. Equipment Maintenance & Repair reduced \$10,000.

Local Roads and Streets: The total budget submitted is \$1,022,000.

General - Sheriff: The total budget submitted is \$3,266,253. Wages-Department Head reduced \$13,788.

LIT Special Purpose: The total budget submitted is \$6,494,181. Wages-Overtime reduced \$10,000; Prisoner Meals reduced \$10,000; and Repair Buildings & Structures reduced \$10,000.

Drug Free Community: The total budget submitted is \$70,000.

Extradition/Sheriff Assistance: The total budget submitted is \$60,000.

Firearms Training: The total budget submitted is \$35,000.

Misdemeanant-County Corrections: The total budget submitted is \$112,000. Vehicle Purchase reduced \$50,000 and Vehicle Accessories reduced \$7,500.

Sex/Violent Offender Administration: The total budget submitted is \$7,700.

Statewide 911: The total budget submitted is \$763,715.

Central Dispatch: The total budget submitted is \$368,054.

K9 Program: The total budget submitted is \$2,000.

DARE: The total budget submitted is \$15,000.

DEA Forfeiture: The total budget submitted is \$26,000.

Lake Enforcement DNR Grant: The total budget submitted is \$65,000.

Clerk: The total budget submitted is \$510,304.

Voter Registration: The total budget submitted is \$62,769.

Election Board: The total budget submitted is \$131,600.

Clerks Records Perpetuation: The total budget submitted is \$73,000.

Clerk IV-D: The total budget submitted is \$18,900.

RECESS

A lunch recess was taken from 12:02 p.m. until 1:05 p.m.

Treasurer: The total budget submitted is \$240,375.

Recorder: The total budget submitted is \$165,005. Wages-Clerical reduced \$34,000.

ID Security Program: The total budget submitted is \$8,000.

Recorders Perpetuation: The total budget submitted is \$44,624.

Surveyor: The total budget submitted is \$252,938.

Surveyor Corner Perpetuation: The total budget submitted is \$85,364.

Coroner: The total budget submitted is \$191,559.

LEPC: The total budget submitted is \$22,988.

Assessor: The total budget submitted is \$208,923.

Sales Disclosure-County Share: The total budget submitted is \$15,300.

Reassessment: The total budget submitted is \$598,623. Legal Services reduced \$3,000 and Consulting Services reduced \$2,000.

Prosecutor: The total budget submitted is \$887,724. Wages-Pretrial Diversion Officer reduced \$52,637 and Wages-FT Clerical reduced \$44,624.

Pre-Trial Diversion: The total budget submitted is \$225,021.

Prosecutor IV-D: The total budget submitted is \$57,522.

Extension: The total budget submitted is \$301,706.

Veterans Service Officer: The total budget submitted is \$75,404.

Plan Commission: The total budget submitted is \$345,681. Property Cleanup reduced \$40,000 and Professional Services reduced \$10,000.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA): The total budget submitted is \$46,700.

Building Commission: The total budget submitted is \$103,696.

Unsafe Building: The total budget submitted is \$85,000.

Information Systems: The total budget submitted is \$214,768.

Museum: The total budget submitted is \$175,555.

Historical Society: The total budget submitted is \$99,237.

Superior Court #1: The total budget submitted is \$386,222.

Superior Court # 2: The total budget submitted is \$513,507.

Superior Court # 3: The total budget submitted is \$269,403.

PSC Drug Court: The total budget submitted is \$5,000.

Community Corrections: The total budget submitted is \$362,802.

Community Corrections-Problem Solving Court: The total budget submitted is \$35,000.

Community Corrections Project Income: The total budget submitted is \$648,246. Professional Services reduced \$40,000 and Rent increased \$40,000.

Circuit Court: The total budget submitted is \$341,347.

CASA: The total budget submitted is \$73,000.

Probation: The total budget submitted is \$893,431. Wages-Department Head reduced \$36,524; Wages-Counselor reduced \$62,748; Wages-Longevity increased \$600; and Training increased \$1,000.

Supplemental Adult Probation: The total budget submitted is \$94,962. Wages-Department Head reduced \$40,297; Wages-Longevity reduced \$600.

Weights & Measures: The total budget submitted is \$30,491.

EMA: The total budget submitted is \$86,254.

Soil & Water: The total budget submitted is \$50,887.

Park & Recreation Board: The total budget submitted is \$32,000.

Health: The total budget submitted is \$626,829.

Health First: The total budget submitted is \$309,776.

Human Resources: The total budget submitted is \$102,331.

Auditor: The total budget submitted is \$435,007.

Plat Mapping: The total budget submitted is \$39,688.

Auditor Ineligible: The total budget submitted is \$39,000.

County Officials Training Fund: Total budget submitted is \$25,000. Clerk Training reduced \$2,000; Auditor Training reduced \$2,000; Treasurer Training reduced \$2,000; Recorder Training reduced \$2,000; and Surveyor Training reduced \$2,000

Council: The total budget submitted is \$730,476. Legal Services increased \$10,000 and Other Projects decreased \$50,000.

Council Member Johnson was excused at 2:18 p.m.

2026 Wages: Tim Harman moved, second by James Masterson, to approve the Wage By Category Rate Sheet with a two percent increase across the board without further reduction to the Sheriff's wages. Motion carried 7-0.

Community Corrections: Discussion was held concerning the lease expiring on December 31, 2025 and options for relocation.

A total net reduction of \$2,759,985 has been made; reflecting a General Fund reduction of \$2,497,387 and Special Funds reduction of \$262,598.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Council, **the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. upon motion by Greg Compton, second by Will Patterson. Motion carried 7-0.**

Tim Harman, President

Will Patterson

Nicole Cox, Vice President

Brandon Schadek

James Masterson

Greg Compton

Deborah Johnson

Attest:

Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor