

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**

Regular Meeting of May 11, 2020

The regular scheduled meeting of the Clark County Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Councilperson Barbara Hollis via Zoom Meeting.

Those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll call showed members present and absent as follows:

Present	Absent
Barbara Hollis (1st District)	
Janne Newland (2nd District)	
Brittany Ferree (3rd District)	
Steve Doherty (4th District)	
Kevin Vissing (At Large)	
Brian Lenfert (At Large)	
Dr. Tony Bennett (At Large)	

Also present were Council Attorney Maxwell McCrite, County Auditor Danny Yost, and Chief Deputy Auditor Jessica Huffman.

President Hollis requested proof of the Notice of Taxpayers of the additional appropriations listed on the agenda. Clark Council Attorney Max McCrite stated for the record that publication of the Notice of Taxpayers ran in the Evening News ten (10) days prior to this meeting as required by I.C.6-1.11-18-5 and advised the council to proceed.

Councilperson Hollis stated that she had not received the April 14, 2020, Regular Council minutes. Councilperson Bennett stated that he could not figure out how to get the recording from his Zoom account to the Auditor's office. Therefore, the approval of the April 14, 2020, Regular Council minutes was postponed.

Councilperson Hollis requested any amendments to the agenda. Councilperson Bennett motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilperson Ferree seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilperson Doherty motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the fund's report provided by the Auditor's office. Councilperson Vissing seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comments: None.

Judge Vicki Carmichael presented the following: a salary ordinance for Temporary Magistrate Assistant Court Reporter; a request for additional appropriations in 1000 for Computer Software/Hardware, Equipment, and Equipment; a request for a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from Legal Fees & Charges to Equipment; a request for additional appropriations in 1191 for Computer Software/Hardware, Equipment, and Equipment; and a request for additional appropriations in 1186 for Computer Software/Hardware, Equipment, and Equipment.

The Temporary Magistrate Assistant Court Reporter position is needed for only one week, so that the new employee can be trained. This will be paid out of the Courts part-time funds, therefore no additional appropriations are needed.

Each of the requests for additional appropriations were made and advertised out of three different funds, to give the Council different options. The \$50,000 additional appropriation that was requested for equipment, has now been reduced to \$21,200. This request, along with the request for a transfer of appropriations are for necessary upgrades during the transition to the Courts operating remotely. The requests for Equipment and Computer Software/Hardware are for the digital signage system that was previously presented to the Council. The council had asked for more quotes before a decision would be made. No other quotes were obtained because no other companies have similar systems. Judge Carmichael has spoken with Building Operations and IT and she does not think they should have an issue with this system. Councilperson Doherty asked if this could possibly be paid for by the Commissioners from the IT Fund.

Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the salary ordinance for Temporary Magistrate Assistant Court Reporter; to approve the additional appropriation request out of 1000 for Equipment for \$21,200; to table the requests for additional appropriations in 1000, 1191, and 1186 for Computer Hardware/Software for \$17,087 and Equipment for \$20,000; to approve the transfer of appropriations in 1000; and to deny the request for additional appropriations for Equipment for \$50,000 out of 1191 and 1186. Councilperson Bennett seconded. Motion carried 6-1.

Laura Lindley, with the Health Department, presented a request for additional appropriations in 8222 for Personal Services, FICA/Medicare, Gas & Oil, Supplies, travel, Training, Utilities, Vehicle Maintenance, Rent, Contract Services, Health Dept Building, and Motor Vehicle. It has been requested by FSSA, that Clark County Health Department would be a pass-through agency for funds from FSSA to catalyst rescue missions in the amount of \$729,000. This is specifically for COVID-19 response for the homeless population. This includes the homeless population in several different counties. No county money or county employee salaries

are included in these funds. A board has been formed to oversee how the funds are spent. There has been verbal assurance that there is no liability to the Health Department or the County. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 8222 with the understanding that written documentation would be provided stating there will be no liabilities to the Health Department or the County. Councilperson Ferree seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that all transfers were made from EDIT and County General into the Health Insurance Fund. There has been a major difference in the year end balance from 2018 to 2020. The Auditor's office is working on a spreadsheet to further analyze the issue. The Commissioners sent an email to County Employees stating that there was around a 20% increase in Health Insurance premiums for the 2020-2021 plan year, but the County would be absorbing the costs. This was not brought before the council. Councilperson Lenfert reached out to Jack Coffman asking further clarification on the increased costs, but has not received a response.

Councilperson Vissing stated that the council needs to be strategic when approving additional appropriations with the current economic situation. Councilperson Hollis stated that her concern is with Local Income Tax distributions after all of the layoffs that have occurred. She stated we probably won't see the effects of this in 2020, but in years that follow.

Auditor Danny Yost stated that budget time is quickly approaching. The council usually gives the Auditor's office a direction for raises to pass on to department heads for preparing their budgets. Councilperson Vissing stated that he would like to learn more about the Health Insurance Fund issue before deciding anything about raises. Auditor Danny Yost stated that Department Heads will be instructed to not include any raises.

Councilperson Bennet motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Ferree seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**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. 3-2020.**

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,

2018, 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.

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Clark County Circuit Court</b>			
<b>County General</b>			
1000-40010-302 Computer Software/Hardware	17,087.00	TABLED	6-1
1000-40014-302 Equipment	20,000.00	TABLED	6-1
1000-40014-302 Equipment	50,000.00	21,200.00	6-1
<b>Riverboat</b>			
1191-40010-302 Computer Software/Hardware	17,087.00	TABLED	6-1
1191-40014-302 Equipment	20,000.00	TABLED	6-1
1191-40014-302 Equipment	50,000.00	DENIED	6-1
<b>Rainy Day</b>			
1186-40010-302 Computer Software/Hardware	17,087.00	TABLED	6-1
1186-40014-302 Equipment	20,000.00	TABLED	6-1
1186-40014-302 Equipment	50,000.00	DENIED	6-1
<b>Clark County Health Dept. Eric Yazel</b>			
<b>Catalyst SRS COVID-19</b>			
8222-11107-071 Personal Services	193,016.66	193,016.66	7-0
8222-11171-071 FICA/Medicare	14,765.78	14,765.78	7-0
8222-20021-071 Gas & Oil	5,646.72	5,646.72	7-0
8222-20060-071 Supplies	12,562.50	12,562.50	7-0
8222-30013-071 Travel	3,750.00	3,750.00	7-0
8222-30017-071 Training	2,708.33	2,708.33	7-0
8222-30046-071 Utilities	26,500.00	26,500.00	7-0
8222-30024-071 Vehicle Maintenance	833.33	833.33	7-0
8222-30019-071 Rent	188,000.00	188,000.00	7-0
8222-30051-071 Contract Services	149,100.00	149,100.00	7-0
8222-41009-071 Health Dept Building	92,116.68	92,116.68	7-0
8222-40012-071 Motor Vehicles	40,000.00	40,000.00	7-0

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING**

**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Clark County Circuit Court County General</b>			
From: 1000-30096-302 Legal Fees & Charges			
To: 1000-40014-302 Equipment	1,600.00	1,600.00	6-1

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING SALARY  
AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**



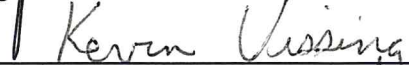
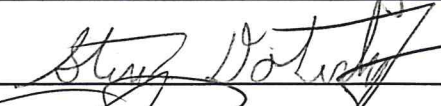
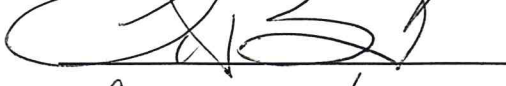
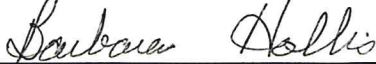
**FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020  
AMENDMENT NO. 2**

	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Clark County Circuit Court County General</b>			
Temporary Magist. Asst. Ct. Reporter	35,184.90	35,184.90	6-1

**Members of the Clark County Council**

**AYES**

**NAYS**

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Brian Jenfert

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**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020