

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
Regular Meeting of September 21, 2020

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

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 was Chief Deputy Auditor Jessica Huffman. Council Attorney Max McCrite and Auditor Danny Yost were absent.

President Hollis requested proof of the Notice of Taxpayers of the additional appropriations listed on the agenda. Councilperson Hollis stated for the record that although Attorney Max McCrite is not present at the meeting, 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 offered the August 10, 2020, Regular Council minutes. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020. Councilperson Bennett seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis requested any amendments to the agenda. The following were added to the agenda: Resolution 1-2020, a request for a transfer of appropriations for EMA, and a request for a transfer of appropriations for the Public Defender. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comments: None.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Declaration of Fiscal Body for Charlestown Clark County Public Library and Jeffersonville Township Public Library. The council will now be the fiscal body for these two libraries. These library's budgets will now be subject to binding review and adoption by the council. Attorney Max McCrite questioned whether a vote was necessary. Jessica Huffman stated that the forms must be returned by October 1, 2020, according to the library. The council questioned what exactly they are reviewing and adopting. The council will be having a publicly noticed workshop on Monday September 28, 2020. This would allow the libraries to come and present this matter. Councilperson Doherty motioned to table the Declaration of Fiscal Body for Charlestown Clark County public Library and Jeffersonville Township Public Library until the public workshop. Councilperson Newland seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis opened the 2021 Budget Public Hearing for the following: the Clark County budget, Jeffersonville Flood Control budget, Charlestown Fire Protection District budget, Tri-township Fire Protection District budget, Monroe Township Fire Protection District budget, Utica Township Fire Protection District budget, New Washington Fire Protection District budget, and the Clark County Solid Waste Management District budget.

Councilperson Hollis requested any public comments concerning any of the budgets. There were no public comments.

Councilperson Lenfert motioned to close the public hearing. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Beau Zoeller, Attorney for the Bond Council, presented Resolution 1-2020, a resolution of the Clark County Council approving the construction of a certain jail facility project, amending, restating, and consolidating certain leases and approval of the financing of the same and other matters related thereto. The resolution approves the bond, it affirms that there is a need for the leases, and that there was a petition signed by more than fifty taxpaying citizens of the county. The bonds were approved by the Commissioners and the Jail Holding Corporation at their joint meeting public hearing. There are currently 3 outstanding bonds: the 2007 bonds, the 2013 new money bonds, and the 2013 refunding bonds. All of these previous leases and related debt will be collapsed and combined into one lease and one debt payment. This will generate a net savings to the county. A 2.5 million-dollar, new money piece will also be added to fund a boiler project at the jail. This will not require any raise in the tax levy. Lenfert motioned to approve Resolution 1-2020. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Jack Coffman presented the following requests: additional appropriations in 1000 for Unemployment and Contract Services; additional appropriations in 1138 for Bethany Road; additional appropriations in 1173 for Bituminous; a transfer of appropriations in 1173 from Equipment to Bituminous; a transfer of appropriations from 1173 for County Road 160 Site 4 to 1176 for Tires & Tubes; a transfer of appropriations from 1173 for County Road 160 Site 4 to 1176 for Contract Services; a transfer of appropriations from 1173 for County Road 160 Site 3 to 1176 for Gas & Tubes; a transfer of appropriations from 1173 for County Road 160 Site 2 to 1176 for General Liability; and a transfer of appropriations from 1173 for County Road 160 Site 1 to 1176 for Contract Services. The \$25,000 that was originally budgeted for unemployment has already been spent and there are currently around \$15,000 of claims that need to be paid. Commissioner Coffman believed the requested \$25,000 will get through the rest of the year. The amount requested for Contract Services will be used for the annual Health Fair. Councilperson Bennett motioned to approve the requests for additional appropriations in 1000, 1138, and 1173, and the transfers of appropriation as requested. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Judge Vicki Carmichael presented the following requests: additional appropriations in 1000 for Schools and Conferences, Supplies, Recreational, Travel, Printing, Contract Services, Jury Meals, and Jury Pay; a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from Legal Fees & Charges to Equipment; and additional appropriations in 9128 for Supplies, Contract Services, and Meals. Judge Carmichael stated that because the trial is over, some of the amounts requested can be reduced. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1000 for Schools and Conferences for \$900, Supplies for \$500, Recreational for \$1,000 and denying the remaining \$9,000, Travel for \$30,000 and denying the remaining \$20,000, Printing for \$300, Contract Services for \$5,000, Jury Meals for \$12,000 and denying the remaining \$44,000, and Jury Pay for \$12,000 and denying the remaining \$23,000; the transfer of appropriations in 1000 as requested; and the additional appropriations in 9128 as requested. Councilperson Bennett seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Judge Vicki Carmichael presented the requests for additional appropriations in 1000 for Contract Services and Lease/Bond Payment and additional appropriations in 2100 for Equipment, Contract Services, and Lease/Bond Payment. The requests for Lease/Bond Payment and Contract Services were requested out of both 1000 and 2100 so that the Council can decide where to appropriate it. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to deny the request for additional appropriations in 1000 and to approve the request for additional appropriations in 2100. Councilperson Newland seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Judge Vicki Carmichael presented the request for additional appropriations in 4915 for Personal Services and FICA/Medicare on behalf of Juvenile Detention. This will be used to pay hourly employees. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 4915. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Gavan Hebner, with EMA, presented the following requests: additional appropriations in 8167 for Equipment; a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from Personal Services to Motor Vehicles; a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from Group Insurance to Motor Vehicles; a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from FICA to Motor Vehicles; a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from PERF to Motor Vehicles; and a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from Group Insurance to Equipment. Councilperson Bennett motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 8167 and the transfers of appropriations in 1000 as requested. Councilperson Newland seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Doug Bentfield, with the Health Department, presented the following requests: additional appropriations in 8901 for Contract Services; a transfer of appropriations in 8211 from Personal Services to Contract Service; a transfer of appropriations in 8211 from FICA/Medicare to Contract Services; a transfer of appropriations in 8211 from Group Insurance to Contract Services; a transfer of appropriations in 8211 from PERF to Contract Services; and a transfer of appropriations in 8206 from Office Rent to Supplies. Councilperson Vissing motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 8901 and the transfers of appropriations as requested in 8211 and 8206. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Defender Abe Navarro presented the following requests: additional appropriations in 4906 for Personal Services, FICA/Medicare, and Contract Services; a transfer of appropriations in 1000 from Schools and Conferences to Equipment; and a transfer of appropriations in 4906 from Equipment Repair to Equipment. Councilperson Newland motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 4906 and the transfers of appropriations in 1000 and 4906. Councilperson Ferree seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilperson Lenfert motioned to table the additional appropriations in 4934 from E911. Councilperson Newland seconded. Motion tabled 7-0.

Tabitha Emmitt, representing the Youth Coalition, presented the request for additional appropriations in 1148 for Education/Prevention, Treatment/Intervention, and Criminal Justice Services. Councilperson Lenfert motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 1148. Councilperson Newland seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Patricia Ballard, with Adult Protective Services presented the requests for a transfer of appropriations in 9105 from Travel and Training to Equipment and Computer Software/Hardware. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the additional appropriations in 9105. Councilperson Vissing seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Attorney Max McCrite asked to revisit the Declaration of Fiscal Body for Charlestown Clark County Public Library and Jeffersonville Township Public Library. He stated that after looking further into it, he doesn't believe it needs to be tabled. The paper work only states that the County is in fact the binding or the non-binding authority for the Charlestown Clark County

Public Library and the Jeffersonville Township Public Library, if such circumstance were to arise. If the Council agrees that they would be the binding authority, they could acknowledge that they are the fiscal body for the purposes of the two libraries. Councilperson Bennett motioned to acknowledge the Declaration of Fiscal Body for the Charlestown Clark County Public Library and the Jeffersonville Township Public Library and to allow Councilperson Hollis to sign the document. Councilperson Doherty seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

Commissioner Jack Coffman discussed the search for a new civic building. He stated that the Commissioners did tour the Community Action of Southern Indiana Building with Shireman Construction and John Locke. The building is 70,000 square feet and was built in 1945. The City of Jeffersonville currently owns the building and Commissioner Coffman is unsure what the cost of the building will be. It is his understanding that there would be a lease period, for a few years, with an option to purchase later on. They are currently waiting on estimates for construction. Commissioner Coffman stated that he does not think the building is desirable as a government center.

Commissioner Coffman stated that the Clerk, Susan Popp, is very busy with absentee ballots, and may need to hire additional help. Councilperson Bennett questioned whether this cost could be reimbursed through the CARES Act, since it is directly related to COVID. Commissioner Coffman stated that they are checking into that.

Councilperson Bennett motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Vissing 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. 17-2020.**

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.

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
Clark County Commissioners			
County General			
1000-11174-030 Unemployment	25,000.00	25,000.00	7-0
1000-30051-052 Contract Services	5,000.00	5,000.00	7-0
Clark County Cum Capital			
1138-40047-030 Bethany Road	400,000.00	400,000.00	7-0
Highway Sub Fund Restricted			
1173-20080-062 Bituminous	50,000.00	50,000.00	7-0
Clark County Circuit Court			
County General			
1000-30031-302 Schools and Conferences	900.00	900.00	7-0
1000-20060-276 Supplies	500.00	500.00	7-0
1000-20084-276 Recreational	10,000.00	1,000.00	7-0
1000-30013-276 Travel	50,000.00	30,000.00	7-0
1000-30041-276 Printing	300.00	300.00	7-0
1000-30051-276 Contract Services	5,000.00	5,000.00	7-0
1000-30094-276 Jury Meals	56,000.00	12,000.00	7-0
1000-30127-276 Jury Pay	35,000.00	12,000.00	7-0
Problem Solving Court			
9128-20060-302 Supplies	4,000.00	4,000.00	7-0
9128-30051-302 Contract Services	10,000.00	10,000.00	7-0
9128-30094-302 Meals	1,000.00	1,000.00	7-0
Clark County EMA			
EMA Performance Grant			
8167-40014-039 Equipment	4,460.00	4,460.00	7-0
Clark County Health Department			
CARES ACT Coronavirus Relief			
8901-30051-071 Contract Services	200,000.00	200,000.00	7-0
Clark County Probation			
County General			
1000-30051-369 Contract Services	38,000.00	DENIED	7-0
1000-31003-369 Lease/Bond Payment	6,000.00	DENIED	7-0

Consolidated Probation User Fee

2100-40014-369 Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	7-0
2100-30051-369 Contract Services	38,000.00	38,000.00	7-0
2100-31003-369 Lease/Bond Payment	6,000.00	6,000.00	7-0

**Clark County Public Defender
SPDSF**

4906-11107-040 Personal Services	2,080.00	2,080.00	7-0
4906-11171-040 FICA/Medicare	159.12	159.12	7-0
4906-30051-040 Contract Services	68,000.00	68,000.00	7-0

**Emergency 911-Brad Meixell
911 LOIT**

4934-30051-417 Contract Services	424,000.00	TABLED	7-0
4934-40014-417 Equipment	30,000.00	TABLED	7-0
4934-30017-417 Training	20,000.00	TABLED	7-0

**Clark County Juvenile Detention
Juv. Det. Project Income**

4915-11107-041 Personal Services	75,000.00	75,000.00	7-0
4915-11171-041 FICA/Medicare	5,750.00	5,750.00	7-0

**Clark County Probation
Co Drug Free Community**

1148-36000-192 Education/Prevention	8,613.79	8,613.79	7-0
1148-36001-192 Treatment/Intervention	8,613.79	8,613.79	7-0
1148-36002-192 Criminal Justice Services	8,613.79	8,613.79	7-0

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 18-2020**

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
Clark County Commissioners			
From: 1173-40014-061 Equipment			
To: 1173-20080-062 Bituminous	384,609.72	384,609.72	7-0

From: 1173-40132-061 County Road 160 Site 4
To: 1176-20022-063 Tires & Tubes 20,000.00 20,000.00 7-0

From: 1173-40132-061 County Road 160 Site 4
To: 1176-30051-063 Contract Services 25,000.00 25,000.00 7-0

From: 1173-40131-061 County Road 160 Site 3
To: 1176-20021-063 Gas & Tubes 75,000.00 75,000.00 7-0

From: 1173-40130-061 County Road 160 Site 2
To: 1176-30035-061 General Liability 25,000.00 25,000.00 7-0

From: 1173-40129-061 County Road 160 Site 1
To: 1176-30051-061 Contract Services 25,000.00 25,000.00 7-0

Clark County Circuit Court

County General

From: 1000-30096-302 Legal Fees & Charges
To: 1000-40014-302 Equipment 5,000.00 5,000.00 7-0

Clark County Health Department

Quit for Babies

From: 8211-11107-071 Personal Services
To: 8211-30051-071 Contract Services 12,000.00 12,000.00 7-0

From: 8211-11171-071 FICA/Medicare
To: 8211-30051-071 Contract Services 1,000.00 1,000.00 7-0

From: 8211-11173-071 Group Insurance
To: 8211-30051-071 Contract Services 1,000.00 1,000.00 7-0

From: 8211-11176-071 PERF
To: 8211-30051-071 Contract Services 1,000.00 1,000.00 7-0

SUID Grant

From: 8206-30019-071 Office Rent
To: 8206-20060-071 Supplies 230.00 230.00 7-0

Adult Protective Service

Adult Protective Services #1

From: 9105-30013-008 Travel 2,000.00 2,000.00 7-0

From: 9105-30017-008 Training 3,000.00 3,000.00 7-0

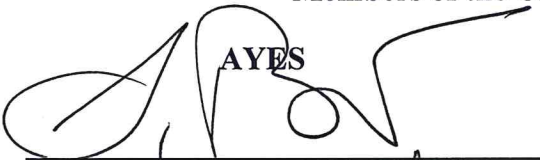
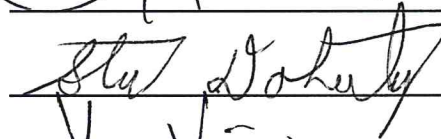
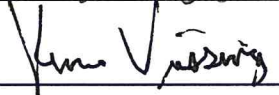
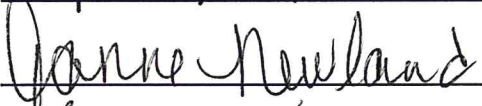
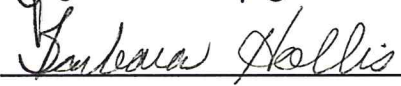

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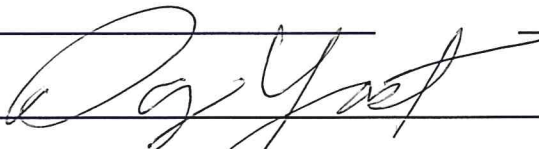
To: 9105-40010-008 Computer Software/Hardware 1,000.00 1,000.00 7-0

**Clark County EMA
County General**

From: 1000-11107-039 Personal Services			
To: 1000-40012-039 Motor Vehicles	14,890.00	14,890.00	7-0
 From: 1000-11173-039 Group Insurance			
To: 1000-40012-039 Motor Vehicles	9,400.00	9,400.00	7-0
 From: 1000-11171-039 FICA			
To: 1000-40012-039 Motor Vehicles	1,060.00	1,060.00	7-0
 From: 1000-11176-039 PERF			
To: 1000-40012-039 Motor Vehicles	5,650.00	5,650.00	7-0
 From: 1000-11173-039 Group Insurance			
To: 1000-40014-039 Equipment	6,800.00	6,800.00	7-0

Members of the Clark County Council

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Attest: 

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 19th day of October, 2020

