

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**  
Regular Meeting of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The regular scheduled meeting of the Clark County Council was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Council President 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)	
Ron Grooms (2nd District)	
	Brian Lenfert (3rd District)
Steve Doherty (4th District)	
Kevin Vissing (At Large)	
David Abbott (At Large)	
John Miller (At Large)	

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

Councilperson Hollis offered the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council minutes. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the meeting minutes of Febuary 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented. Councilperson Abbott seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Councilperson Hollis requested any amendments that need to be made to the agenda. There were no amendments. Councilperson Doherty motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilperson Miller seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Councilperson Doherty motioned to acknowledge a receipt of the fund's report provided by the Auditor's office. Councilperson Vissing seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comments: LeeAnne Howe the HR Director – “Over the weekend, I was made aware that some of our retiree groups have been affected. I discovered our new account manager at Anthem took action on a routine report that BMS sends to myself, our Medicare team at

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Anthem, and Assured Partners every month. The report contains information on payments and premiums and who's paid through certain dates. It is not something they should have taken action on and the new account manager did. They sent CMS letters to everyone that basically states you won't have healthcare coverage. This has caused problems and Anthem has acknowledged the administrative mistake and our now notifying the retirees that were informed wrongly. I have taken action to make sure this doesn't happen again. Anthem is no longer going to be included on any reporting regarding retiree payments until the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. The correspondence will come from either myself or the payroll deputy in my absence. It was just an administrative mistake that they acknowledged and I wanted to give everyone a synopsis of the event and how it unfolded. If anyone wants to talk more about the healthcare plans, the costs or the nuts and bolts of the system then to reach out."

Councilperson Grooms – "Is there anything that the Council can do to develop a technique or a procedure to prevent this?"

LeeAnne Howe – "Honestly, no. BMS who is our COBRA administrator collects our retiree premiums as part of our agreement with them. That way I am not touching any money and our Auditor's office is handling less. They collect those premiums and send them to the County. If someone would like to sit with me and to review the system that is in place and try to find a solution, we can look at ways to improve."

Councilperson Grooms – "Was there any threat to health information linked to this?"

LeeAnne Howe – "Absolutely not. The letter came from Anthem who is our insurer. The report only has name, date of birth, and date paid through on it. It strictly goes from BMS to myself, our Anthem Medicare team and Assured Partners. That way no one's personal health information is compromised."

Reuben Cummings with the Charlestown Fire Protection District presented the requests of two additional appropriations. The additional appropriation requests are in the Special Fire General fund in the amount of \$350,000.00 for Services and Charges and \$250,000.00 for Capital Outlay. Motion by Councilperson Grooms to table the requests of additional appropriation in the Special Fire General fund. Seconded by Councilperson Lenfert. Motion approved 6-0.

Councilperson Lenfert is now in attendance.

Councilperson Hollis presented the Clark County Council Local Health Board Appointment. Motion by Councilperson Miller to table the Clark County Council Local Health Board Appointment. Seconded by Councilperson Grooms. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilperson Hollis presented the 2024 April Clark County Council Meeting date discussion. Councilperson Lenfert noted that the 8<sup>th</sup> of April is the day of the solar eclipse.

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Councilperson Vissing wouldn't have made the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> due to travel. The Council agreed that the meeting would be moved to Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> as long as the meeting room can be used.

Bryan Glover with the Clark County Commissioners presented multiple requests of additional appropriation. The first request of additional appropriation is in the Opioid Restricted fund in the amount of \$418,163.00 for Local Match. The second additional appropriation request is in the Judgement Bond Payment fund in the amount of \$750.00 for Fees. The third additional appropriation request is in the 2010 Building Bond fund in the amount of \$250.00 for Fees. The fourth additional appropriation request is in the 2019 General Obligation Bond fund in the amount of \$750.00 for Fees. The fifth additional appropriation request is in the Jail Detention Bond fund in the amount of \$7,300.00 for Lease Bond Payment. Motion by Councilperson Grooms to approve all requests of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Abbott. Motion approved 7-0.

Doug Bentfield with the Clark County Health Department presented multiple requests of additional appropriation. The first request of additional appropriation is in the VIP-FSSA Opioid-Family Arch fund. The additional appropriation requests are in the amounts of \$22,811.00 for Personal Services, \$1,889.00 for FICA/Medicare, \$2,500.00 for Supplies, and \$146,000.00 for Contract Services. The second request of additional appropriation is in the VIP-FSSA Opioid-Community Paramedic fund. The additional appropriation requests are in the amounts of \$45,600.00 for Personal Services, \$3,419.55 for FICA/Medicare, \$6,725.05 for Group Insurance, \$5,676.90 for PERF, \$35,000.00 for Equipment, and \$32,174.00 for Motor Vehicle. Motion by Councilperson Doherty to approve all requests of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Abbott. Motion approved 7-0.

The Clark County Public Defender Misdemeanor Pilot Program Discussion has been withdrawn.

Tom Lowe & Judge Lisa Glickfield presented the Clark County Addiction & Treatment and Clark County Courts multiple requests of additional appropriation, transfer of appropriation, and reduction of appropriation. The first requests are additional appropriations in the OVWI Court Fees fund in the amounts of \$20,000.00 for Supplies, \$15,000.00 for Drug Screening, \$15,000.00 for Travel, \$5,000.00 for Contract Services, \$1,000.00 for Printing, \$1,000.00 for Telephone, and \$5,000.00 for Equipment. The second request is an additional appropriation in the CCATS Supreme Court Grant fund in the amount of \$7,003.35 for Supplies. The third request is an additional appropriation in the Life Improvement CC Cares fund in the amount of \$1,756.58 for Supplies. The fourth request is a reduction of appropriation in the CHINS fund in the amount of -\$10,000.00 for Contract Services. The fifth request is an additional appropriation in the Family Treatment Court fund in the amount of \$2,525.21 for Supplies. The sixth request is a reduction of appropriation in the Family Treatment Court fund in the amount of -\$500.00 for Meals. The seventh request is a transfer of appropriation in the Family Treatment Court fund in

the amount of \$3,819.46 from Training to Supplies. The eighth request is an additional appropriation in the Problem Solving Court fund in the amount of \$305.20 for Supplies. The ninth request is a transfer of appropriation in the Problem Solving Court fund in the amount of \$400.00 from Travel to Supplies. Motion by Councilperson Miller to approve the requests of additional appropriation, transfer of appropriation, and the reduction of appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Vissing. Motion approved 7-0.

Katie Whiteford with Clark County Extension presented a request of additional appropriation. The request is one additional appropriation in the County General fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Travel. Motion by Councilperson Doherty to approve the request of additional appropriation. Seconded by Councilperson Vissing. Motion approved 6-1. Councilperson Abbott voted against.

Sunshine Fox with the Clark County Prosecutor presented requests of additional appropriation and a salary ordinance. The first requests are additional appropriations in the County General fund in the amounts of \$450.00 for Personal Services, \$35.00 for FICA/Medicare, and \$58.00 for PERF. The second request is a salary ordinance in the County General fund for a Caseworker (Longevity) in the amount of \$38,502.57. Motion by Councilperson Doherty to approve the requests of additional appropriations and a salary ordinance. Seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved 7-0.

David Ruckman with the Clark County Surveyor presented requests of additional appropriation. The request is two additional appropriations in the Surveyor's Perpetuation fund in the amounts of \$55,000.00 for Equipment, and \$60,000.00 for Motor Vehicle. Motion by Councilperson Grooms to table the requests of additional appropriations. Seconded by Councilperson Lenfert. Motion approved 7-0.

No Reports. Judge Lisa Glickfield wanted to thank Jessica Huffman for taking the time to come and meet with myself and others. She helped explain the accounts and why it is so important that we account for everything competently. Ronnie Blevins who is running for the Council at-large, he made a statement on video over the Opioid account. "I was sent information that helped my understanding of that and I am going to put something out to correct my statement. I appreciate the Council and everything that you all do." No Attorney Comments. No Auditor Comments. No Council Comments. Councilperson Doherty motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Grooms seconded. Motion approved 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. 6-2024**

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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, 2023, 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
<b>Charlestown Fire Protection Distract- Reuben Cummings</b>			
<b>Special Fire General</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
30000 Services and Charges	\$350,000.00	Tabled	6-0
40000 Capital Outlay	\$250,000.00	Tabled	6-0
<b>Clark County Commissioners- Bryan Glover</b>			
<b>Opioid Restricted Fund</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
1237-31018-030 Local Match	\$418,163.00	\$418,163.00	7-0
<b>Judgment Bond Payment</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
4610-31010-030 Fees	\$750.00	\$750.00	7-0
<b>2010 Building Bond</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
4607-31010-030 Fees	\$250.00	\$250.00	7-0
<b>2019 General Obligation Bond</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
4619-31010-030 Fees	\$750.00	\$750.00	7-0
<b>Go Bond 2023 Landfill</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
4605-31003-030 Lease Bond Payment	\$7,300.00	\$7,300.00	7-0
<b>Clark County Health Department- Doug Bentfield</b>			
<b>VIP-FSSA Opioid- Family Arch</b>			
<b>Additional Appropriation</b>			
9216-11107-0720-071-071 Personal Services	\$22,811.00	\$22,811.00	7-0

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9216-11171-0720-071 FICA/Medicare	\$1,889.00	\$1,889.00	7-0
9216-20060-0720-071 Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	7-0
9216-30051-0720-071 Contract Services	\$146,000.00	\$146,000.00	7-0
<b>VIP-FSSA Opioid- Community Paramedic</b>			
9216-11107-0710-071 Personal Services	\$45,600.00	\$45,600.00	7-0
9216-11171-0710-071 FICA/Medicare	\$3,419.55	\$3,419.55	7-0
9216-11176-0710-071 Group Insurance	\$6,725.05	\$6,725.05	7-0
9216-11173-0710-071 PERF	\$5,676.90	\$5,676.90	7-0
9216-40014-0710-071 Equipment	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	7-0
9216-40012-0710-071 Motor Vehicle	\$32,174.00	\$32,174.00	7-0

**Clark County Addiction & Treatment- Josh Seybold  
OVWI Court Fees**

**Additional Appropriation**

1129-20060-302 Supplies	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	7-0
1129-30115-302 Drug Screening	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	7-0
1129-30013-302 Travel	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	7-0
1129-30051-302 Contract Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	7-0
1129-30041-302 Printing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	7-0
1129-30014-302 Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	7-0
1129-40014-302 Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	7-0

**CCATS Supreme Court Grant**

**Additional Appropriation**

8891-20060-302 Supplies	\$7,003.35	\$7,003.35	7-0
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**Life Improvement CC Cares**

**Additional Appropriation**

8890-20060-302 Supplies	\$1,756.58	\$1,756.58	7-0
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**Clark County Courts- Tom Lowe**

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**Reduction of Appropriation**

9210-30051-302 Contract Services	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	7-0
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**Family Treatment Court**

**Additional Appropriation**

9215-20060-302 Supplies	\$2,525.21	\$2,525.21	7-0
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**Reduction of Appropriation**

9215-30094-302 Meals	-\$500.00	-\$500.00	7-0
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**Problem Solving Court**

**Additional Appropriation**

9128-20060-302 Supplies	\$305.20	\$305.20	7-0
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**Clark County Extension- Katie Whiteford**

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**County General**  
**Additional Appropriation**  
 1000-30013-023 Travel \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 6-1

**Clark County Prosecutor- Jeremy Mull**  
**County General**  
**Additional Appropriation**  
 1000-11107-034 Personal Services \$450.00 \$450.00 7-0  
 1000-11171-034 FICA/Medicare \$35.00 \$35.00 7-0  
 1000-11176-034 PERF \$58.00 \$58.00 7-0

**Clark Surveyor- David Ruckman**  
**Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund**  
**Additional Appropriation**  
 1202-40014-006 Equipment \$55,000.00 Tabled 7-0  
 1202-40012-006 Motor Vehicle \$60,000.00 Tabled 7-0

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING  
 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS  
 ORDINANCE NO. 7-2024**

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
<b>Clark County Courts- Tom Lowe</b>			
<b>Family Treatment Court</b>			
<b>Transfer of Appropriation</b>			
From 9215-30017-302 Training	\$3,819.46	\$3,819.46	7-0
To 9215-20060-302 Supplies	\$3,819.46	\$3,819.46	7-0
 <b>Problem Solving Court</b>			
<b>Transfer of Appropriation</b>			
From 9128-30013-302 Travel	\$400.00	\$400.00	7-0
To 9128-20060-302 Supplies	\$400.00	\$400.00	7-0

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

**FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024  
 AMENDMENT NO. 3**

	Requested	Allowed	Vote
<b>Clark County Prosecutor- Jeremy Mull</b>			
<b>County General</b>			
<b>Salary Ordinance</b>			
Caseworker (longevity)	\$38,502.57	\$38,502.57	7-0

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**Members of the Clark County Council**

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

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.