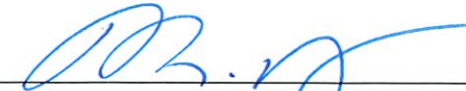


The County Council Work Session Minutes for **September 26, 2023** were presented and approved on **November 14, 2023**.


MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present 
L. Kate Wiltz, President


☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present 
Trent Deckard, President Pro Tempore

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present 
Jennifer Crossley, Councilor

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present 
Marty Hawk, Councilor

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present 
Peter Iversen, Councilor

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☒ Not Present _____
Geoff McKim, Councilor

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present 
Cheryl Munson, Councilor

ATTEST:


Catherine Smith, Auditor
Monroe County, Indiana

11/14/23
Date



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COUNCIL WORK SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm Nat U. Hill Meeting Room and Zoom Connection

Members

Present – In Person – Kate Wiltz, President
Present – In Person – Trent Deckard, President Pro Tempore
Present – In Person – Jennifer Crossley
Present – In Person – Marty Hawk
Present – In Person – Peter Iversen
Present – In Person – Geoff McKim
Present – In Person – Cheryl Munson

Staff

Present – In Person – Kim Shell, Council Administrator
Present – In Person – Molly Turner-King, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Wiltz called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm. All seven Council members were present in the Nat. U Hill Meeting Room.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA 5:40 pm.

No changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – items NOT on the agenda (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) 5:40 pm.

None.

4. DEPARTMENT UPDATES 5:41 pm.

Phil Parker, Sheriff's Chief Deputy, spoke about the budget hearing process.
Penny Githens, Board of Commissioners President, gave an update on the proposed sites of the Justice Complex and other options.

Council discussion ensued.

Crossley shadowed the Public Defender's Office
Munson spoke on information from the Probation Office.
Hawk spoke about AIC Conference.

A. Request Approval of Resolution 2023-24B: Part 2 Approval of Tax Abatement for Phoenix Closures

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C. 2023 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND 7:06 pm.

1. Discussion and First Reading of Ordinance 2023-34: General Obligation Bond
2. Discussion and First Reading of 2023- 35: An Appropriation Ordinance for the General Obligation Bond

The County Commissioners are presenting a 2023 Bond Ordinance and Appropriation Ordinance for introduction only. The contemplated bond is a year bond with 3.1 million dollars in proceeds. The projects description reads as follows: The projects include but are not limited to 1. Various building and office space improvements including furniture, carpeting, tile, office space/ system renovations, new office systems, restroom improvements, computer improvements and audio/ video equipment improvements; 2. parking garage improvements, including security and gate systems; 3. Karst trail extension; 4. Four (4) dump trucks; 5. bobcat UV; and 6. Karst field turf; and all related improvements and the incidental expenses in connection with these projects.

***Munson left the meeting at 7:24pm.**

Deckard moved to open for discussion and establish as the first reading of Ordinance 2023-34: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Ordinance 2023-35: An Appropriation Ordinance for the General Obligation Bond of \$3.1 million dollars for projects which include, but are not limited to: 1) Various building and office space improvements including furniture, carpeting, tile, office space/ system renovations, new office systems, restroom improvements, computer improvements and audio/video equipment improvements; 2) parking garage improvements, including security and gate systems; 3) Karst Trail extension; 4) Four (4) dump trucks; 5) Bobcat UV; and 6) Karst field turf; and all related improvements and the incidental expenses in connection with these projects and all related improvements and the incidental expenses in connection with these projects. McKim seconded.

Cockerill presented on this item. Purdie presented on the projects.

McKim moved that Council amend Exhibit A description of projects to replace item 4, four dump trucks with Airport parking Lot paving, and replace item 5, Bobcat UV with AEDs for Sheriffs' vehicles. Deckard seconded.

Council discussion ensued.

Wiltz called for a roll call vote on the amendment to Exhibit A, Description of Projects.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Wiltz	Yes
Crossley	Yes
Deckard	Yes
Munson	Not Present
Hawk	Yes
Iversen	Yes
McKim	Yes

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

***Munson returned to the meeting at 7:35pm.**

B. Request the Approval of an Additional Appropriation

American Rescue Plan Act, 8950-0000

Personnel Category	\$24,000,000.00
Supplies Category	\$24,000,000.00
Services Category	\$24,000,000.00
Capital Category	\$24,000,000.00

The Board of Commissioners and County Council are reviewing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects. The amount of available ARPA funds of \$24,000,000 was advertised across all categories to give Commissioners and Council flexibility in their project appropriation decision. Disbursements of appropriated funds for ARPA Projects are contingent on the inclusion of the projects within the Ordinance establishing Monroe County's ARPA plan and passage of the plan by the Board of Commissioners.

Deckard moved that this item be tabled to Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Council Regular Session. McKim seconded.

Wiltz called for a Voice vote.

Motion passed; unanimous

9. PARKS DEPARTMENT, Bri Gregory 8:01 pm.

Request Approval of a Fund-to-Fund Transfer

FROM:

Next Level Trail Fund, 9107-0000

60100 Transfer Out Fund-to-Fund (Cash) \$157,464.07

TO:

2018 GO Bond, 4811-0000

00992 Transfer In Fund-to-Fund (Cash) \$157,464.07

The Department received a Next Level Trails Grant in 2019. The grant required a local match of at least 20% of the project cost. The County provided funding from the 2018 GO Bond. Of the \$431,000.00 match from the 2018 GO Bond, \$157,464.07 is remaining after conclusion of the project. The remaining funds must be returned to the fund in which they originated.

Deckard moved to approve the Park Department's request for a Fund-to-Fund transfer of Cash of \$157,464.07 from Fund 9107-0000, Next Level Trail to Fund 4811-000 2018 General Obligations Bond. McKim seconded.

Gregory presented on this item. No discussion. No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

McKim Yes

Munson Yes

Crossley Yes

Deckard Yes

Wiltz Yes

Iversen Yes

Hawk Not Present

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

10. AVIATION DEPARTMENT, Bri Gregory 8:03 pm.
Request Approval of a De-appropriation
Airport Monitoring System Fund, 9161-0000
30006 Contractual \$2,400.00

The Department received a \$2,400 grant reimbursement in 2022 for a claim paid out of fund 1107 in 2021. The cash was receipted into fund 9161 in 2022. A correction of error has been completed to transfer \$2,400 in cash from fund 9161 to 1107. However, the appropriation needs to be reduced in fund 9161 by \$2,400. This is a housekeeping item.

Deckard moved to approve the Auditor's request to de-appropriate account line 30006, Contractual, in Fund 9161-0000, Airport Monitoring System, in the amount of \$2,400. McKim seconded.

Gregory presented on this item. No discussion. No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Crossley Yes

Wiltz Yes

Iversen Yes

Deckard Yes

Munson Yes

McKim Yes

Hawk Not Present

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

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11. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, Lisa Ridge
Request Approval of an Additional Appropriation
Motor Vehicle Highway, 1176-0000
23400 Bituminous \$400,000.00

The department is requesting an additional appropriation for paving projects. The Department has been receiving acceptable and reasonable bids in recent advertised paving projects and has put out a couple more roads for paving. The Department anticipates awarding the two (2) roads to a contractor. In the event, the cost is higher than expected, the goal would still be to pave the roads with in-house crews.

Deckard moved to approve the Highway Department's request of an additional appropriation in Fund 1176-0000, Motor Vehicle Highway, in the amount of \$400,000 in the Supplies Category. McKim seconded.

Lisa Ridge, Highway Director, presented on this item to Council. No discussion. No public comment.

B. Request the Creation of a New Account Line and Simultaneously Approve of a Category Transfer

New Account Line- 20210

JDAI Programming Grant, 9145-0000

FROM

30006 Contractual \$4,200.00

TO

20210 Program Supplies \$1,500.00

22105 Supervision Incentives \$2,700.00

The Department received \$55,000 in grant funding to implement the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in Monroe County for the 2023-2024 grant year. The initiative is a bipartisan movement for juvenile justice reinvestment involving a reallocation of government resources away from mass incarceration and toward investment in youth, families, and communities. The Department continues to pursue JDAI's eight core strategies to accomplish this objective. The request is to create an account line and a category transfer of funds to support alternatives to securely detaining youth using 100% grant funding from the Indiana Department of

Deckard moved to approve the Probation Department's request for the creation of a new account line, 20210, Program Supplies, and to simultaneously approve a category transfer in Fund 9145-0000, JDAI Programming, of \$4,200 from the Services Category to the Supplies Category. McKim seconded.

Hatfield presented this item to Council. No discussion. No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Munson Yes

Deckard Yes

Wiltz Yes

McKim Yes

Iversen Yes

Crossley Yes

Hawk Not Present

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

14. HEALTH DEPARTMENT, Lori Kelley

A. Request Approval of an Additional Appropriation

Immunization, 8138-9624

32740 Immunization Expense \$100,600.00

The Department has been awarded \$100,600.00 in immunization funding for the grant cycle of 7/1/23- 6/30/24. The funds help to support community outreach conducted by the Public Health Clinic and the Department's immunization program. The grant funding is a pass-through funding to cover the expenses to the Public Health Clinic through a partnership with IU Health.

Deckard moved to approve the Health Department's request for an additional appropriation in Fund 8138-9624, Immunization, in the amount of \$100,600 in the Services Category. McKim seconded.

Lori Kelley, Health Administrator, presented this item to Council. No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

McKim Yes

Deckard No

Crossley Yes

Wiltz Yes

Munson Yes

Iversen Yes

Hawk Not Present

Motion passed 5-1; Majority [Deckard]

B2. Attorney Hours Increase

Council discussion ensued.

Deckard moved to change attorney levels from 35 to 40 hours as outlined in the grids displayed, less the child support. This would be a change both with the 2024 budget and with the 2024 Salary Ordinance. Crossley seconded.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Crossley Yes

Wiltz Yes

Munson Yes

Iversen Yes

McKim Yes

Deckard Yes

Hawk Not Present

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

B3. COLA: Probation Department

Hatfield gave an explanation regarding the Probation Officer fiscal impact.

Deckard moved we prepare grids to reflect an 8.5% increase for Probation Officers for the 2024 Budget and Salary Ordinance. McKim seconded.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Munson Yes

Iversen Yes

McKim Yes

Deckard Yes

Crossley Yes

Wiltz Yes

Hawk Not Present

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

B4. COMOT Grid Increase

Council discussion.

This discussion was tabled to the October 3rd Budget Public Hearing.

B5. COLA: Elected Officials and Chief Deputies

Council discussion.

This discussion was tabled to the October 3rd Budget Public Hearing.

17. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES AS PRESENTED

- July 11th: Regular Session
- July 25th: Work Session

Deckard moved to approve the Summary Minutes of July 11, 2023, Regular Session, and July 25, 2023; Work Session as presented. McKim seconded.

Wiltz called for a Voice vote.
Motion passed; unanimous

18. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT 9:57 pm