



## MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL

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### COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES

Tuesday, December 12, 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** – Molly Turner-King, Legal Counsel  
Present – **In Person** – Kim Shell, Council Administrator  
Present – **In Person** – Bri Gregory, Financial Manager

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Wiltz called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm. Wiltz noted that all Council members were present in the Nat U Hill Room.

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#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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#### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – 5:37 pm

Crossley requested that a discussion regarding the Justice Fiscal Advisory Committee (JFAC) be added to the agenda under Council comments as a discussion item.

Wiltz requested that Item 8 be tabled to the January 23rd meeting and Item 10A be tabled indefinitely. McKim seconded.

Wiltz called for a voice vote.  
Motion passed; unanimous.

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#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT – items NOT on the agenda (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) – 5:39 pm

Jim Shelton, Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, gave a CASA training update.

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**5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES – 5:43 pm**

Phil Parker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, gave a report regarding the Transition Team and Transition Team Director's position. He introduced the new Transitional Director, Cory Grass, who spoke. Council discussion ensued.

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**6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES – 5:56 pm**

Deckard gave an update on Rural Transit receiving funding from the Ellettsville Town Council for 3 months. He emphasized the necessity of getting County Council on board moving forward.

Iversen updated the Council on two issues: 1. The Climate Strategies group met last week to devise climate strategies to enhance climate resilience in the county; 2. The Opioid Settlement group met earlier in the day to talk about progress brought about by Opioid Settlement funds.

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**7. LEGAL DEPARTMENT, Jeff Cockerill – 6:02 pm**

**Request Approval of Resolution 2023-36: Approval of Tax Abatement for Nhanced Semiconductors, Inc.**

On 12/1/23, the Monroe County Economic Development Commission (EDC) heard a petition by Nhanced Semiconductors, Inc. regarding a tax abatement for manufacturing equipment. This project will lead to the hiring of 250 new jobs phased in over five years and will have a total payroll of \$25 million. The EDC unanimously recommended that the Council approve the tax abatement application as requested.

**Deckard moved to approve Resolution 2023-36, Approval of a Tax Abatement for NHanced Semiconductor, Inc. McKim seconded.**

Jeff Cockerill, County Legal, presented. Council discussion ensued.

Robert Patti, president of NHanced Semiconductors, gave a PowerPoint presentation. Lengthy Council discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

Jen Pearl, President of Bloomington Economic Development Corporation, spoke of support of tax abatement.

Eric Spoonmore, Chamber of Commerce President, echoed support of tax abatement.

Dave Askins with B Square Bulletin asked a question about the estimated dollar amount of tax abatement to which Cockerill spoke.

**Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:**

**Shell called the roll.**

Iversen Yes

McKim Yes

Munson Yes

Wiltz Yes

Crossley Yes

Deckard Yes

Hawk Yes

**Motion passed 7-0; unanimous.**



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8. **CONVENTION & VISITOR'S COMMISSION, Michael Campbell**  
**Request Approval of an Additional Appropriation**  
Convention Visitor-Tourism, 1127-0000  
44101 CVC Karst Turf Project \$500,000

The Convention and Visitor's Commission is requesting an additional appropriation of \$500,000 to support the renovation of the Karst Athletic Fields as this project will help with the ability to draw sports tourism to Monroe County.

**Tabled until January 23rd meeting.**

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9. **MERIT DEPUTY/LEGAL DEPARTMENT, Molly Turner-King – 6:52 pm**  
**Request for Approval of Contract between Monroe County and Monroe County Sheriff Merit Deputies**  
**and Request to Amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance**

The County Council and Board of Commissioners are considering approval of a contract with the Sheriff Merit Deputies Collective Bargaining Unit. The agreement would impact the salaries of unit members and this request is to approve the contract and amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance as outlined in the contract.

**Deckard moved to review and approve the contract between Monroe County and the Monroe County Sheriff Merit Deputies and to simultaneously amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance to accommodate for any salary changes that are outlined in the contract. McKim seconded.**

Molly Turner-King, County Legal, presented on the main changes to the contract:

- Specialty pay changed from lump sum to hourly;
- Detective/Animal supplemental included in the contract;
- Sheriff's Office will purchase first year uniforms and supplies.

Council discussion ensued. No public comment.

**Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:**

**Shell called the roll.**

Munson	Yes
Wiltz	Yes
Crossley	Yes
Deckard	Yes
Hawk	Yes
Iversen	Yes
McKim	Yes

**Motion passed 7-0; unanimous.**

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11. **COURTS, Judge Diekhoff and Lisa Abraham – 7:07 pm**  
**Request Approval of an Additional Appropriation**  
Court Interpreters Grant, 4018-0000  
 33052 Certified Interpreters \$10,000

The Department received an Interpreter Grant of \$10,000 for the granting period of 11/1/23 through 6/30/24. The grant is reimbursable and will help offset the costs incurred with interpreter services for Court hearings.

Deckard moved to approve the Courts' request for an additional appropriation in Fund 4018-0000, Court Interpreters Grant, in the amount of \$10,000 in the Services Category. McKim seconded.

Lisa Abraham, Courts Administrator, presented. No Council discussion. No public comment.

**Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:**

Shell called the roll.

Iversen Yes

McKim Yes

Hawk Yes

Munson Yes

Deckard Yes

Wiltz Yes

Crossley Yes

**Motion passed 7-0; unanimous.**

12. JAIL/CORRECTIONAL CENTER, Kyle Gibbons and Jordan Miller – 7:09 pm

### A. Request Approval of a Category Transfer

Public Safety LIT-Jail, 1170-0380

General Fund-Jail, 1000-0380

**FROM:**

17801	Part-time	\$19,580.87
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TO:

34700	Meals for Prisoners	\$19,580.87
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The Department is requesting to move \$19,580.87 from the Public Safety LIT Part-Time Hourly line to the Meals for Prisoners line.

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### B. Request Approval of a Category Transfer

General Fund-Jail, 1000-0380

**FROM:**

30006	Contractual	\$2,836.51
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**TO:**

24500	Mattresses	\$2,836.51
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The Department is requesting to move \$2,836.51 from the Contractual line to the Mattresses line.

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C. **Request Approval of a Category Transfer**

General Fund-Jail, 1000-0380

**FROM:**

30006	Contractual	\$1,925.49
34100	Medical Services	\$ 28.05
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,953.54</b>

**TO:**

24400	Inmate Clothing	\$1,953.54
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The Department is requesting to move \$1,925.49 from the Contractual line and \$28.05 from the Medical Services line to the Inmate Clothing line.

Deckard combined Items 12A, B, C into one motion. He moved to approve the Sheriff's requests for category transfers as follows: in Fund 1170-0380, Public Safety LIT-Jail, in the amount of \$19,580.87 from the Personnel Category to the Services Category and in Fund 1000-0380, General Fund-Jail, in the amount of \$4,790.05 from the Services Category to the Supplies Category. McKim seconded.

Jordan Miller, Jail Financial Director, presented. Council discussion ensued. No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a voice vote:

Shell called the roll.

Munson	Yes
McKim	Yes
Crossley	Yes
Wiltz	Yes
Hawk	Yes
Iversen	Yes
Deckard	Yes

Motion passed 7-0; unanimous.

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13. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, Justin Baker – 7:14 pm**

**Request Approval of an Additional Appropriation**

Emergency Management Duke Energy Grant, 4938-0000

30006	Contractual	\$1,565.40
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At the 6/14/22 Regular Session meeting, Council approved an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for Fund 4938. After getting a second check from the grant awarder, the Department is requesting an appropriation to allow purchases to take place. The amount will bring the total in Fund 4938 to zero once spent before the end of the year.

Deckard moved to approve the Emergency Management's request for an additional appropriation in Fund 4938-0000, Emergency Management Duke Energy Grant in the amount of \$1,565.40 in the Services Category. McKim seconded.

Justin Baker, Deputy Director, presented. No Council discussion. No public comment.



Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Iversen	No
Deckard	No
Hawk	No
Crossley	No
McKim	Yes
Wiltz	No
Munson	No

Motion failed; 1 [McKim]-6

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Wiltz called for a recess at 7:27 pm

Meeting resumed at 7:40 pm

\*Hawk left the meeting during the recess.

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15. PROBATION DEPARTMENT, Christine McAfee, Anthony Williams, and Troy Hatfield – 7:40 pm

A. Request Approval of Additional Appropriations

JDAI Performance Grant, 9146-9624

20001	Office Supplies	\$ 4,000
22105	Supervision Incentives	\$ 3,500
30006	Contractual	\$43,222
30028	Training/Travel	\$ 1,320
30041	Software	<u>\$10,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$62,042</b>

The Courts received grant funding from the Indiana Department of Correction to further implement the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in Monroe County for the 2023-2024 grant year. The Department is requesting \$62,042 in performance bonus grant dollars to complement the current JDAI grants for the grant year. This performance bonus will be invested in sustaining existing programs and partnerships as well as establishing new community partnerships.

Deckard moved to approve the Probation Department's request for additional appropriations in Fund 9146-9624, JDAI Performance Grant, in the amount of \$7,500 in the Supplies Category and \$54,542 in the Services Category for a total appropriation of \$62,042. McKim seconded.

Troy Hatfield, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, presented. No Council discussion. No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Deckard	Yes
Wiltz	Yes
Iversen	Yes
Crossley	Yes
McKim	Yes
Munson	Yes

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous.





**Wiltz asked for a Voice vote.  
Motion passed 6-0; unanimous.**





**TOTAL \$25,216.60**

The Department is requesting a category transfer to help cover costs for mileage and part-time salary expenses.

Deckard move to approve the Health Department's request for a category transfer in Fund 8180-9624, DIS Strengthening Prevention, in the amounts of \$13,788.80 from the Supplies Category and \$11,427.80 from the Services Category transferring \$17,216.60 to the Personnel Category and \$8,000 to the Services Category for a total transfer of \$25,216.60. McKim seconded.

Kelley presented. No Council discussion. No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a Voice vote.

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous.

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**17. CLERK'S OFFICE, Nicole Browne - 7:53 pm**

**Request Approval to Update Job Description and Simultaneously Amend the 2023 and 2024 Salary Ordinances**

Election Fund-Election Board, 1215-0062

**FROM:**

12002 Election Supervisor COMOT C 35 Hours Non-Exempt

**TO:**

12002 Election Supervisor COMOT D 35 Hours Non-Exempt

*On November 7th, PAC members approved forwarding to Council for discussion.*

*This item was tabled from the November 28th Work Session.*

The Department is requesting the reclassification of the Election Supervisor position due to revised job duties, role and responsibility clarification, and increased expectations. This request was submitted to PAC in June 2023. Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele (WIS) reviewed the request and completed a desk audit. WIS recommended the position be reclassified as a COMOT D with an effective date of November 19, 2023.

Deckard moved to approve the amended Election Supervisor job description and to simultaneously amend the 2023 and 2024 Salary Ordinances in Fund 1215-0062, Election Fund-Election Board, account line 12002, Election Supervisor, to a COMOT D, 35 Hours, Non-Exempt with an effective date of December 3rd. McKim seconded.

Nicole Browne, County Clerk, presented. Lengthy discussion ensued.

McKim moved to reclassify the position to a Special Occupation (SO) and that the salary be tied to the PAT D, 35 Hours, Non-Exempt classification. Deckard seconded.

Wiltz asked for a voice vote to amend the motion.

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Munson Yes

Wiltz Yes

Iversen Yes

McKim Yes  
Deckard Yes  
Crossley Yes  
Motion passed 6-0; unanimous.

Shell asked for clarification as to the effective date for the reclassification of the Election Supervisor to an SO. Council discussion ensued. Browne expressed her preference that the reclassification be effective as soon as possible.

Wiltz asked for a consensus to include an effective date of December 3, 2023. No objections were made.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Munson Yes  
Wiltz Yes  
Iversen Yes  
McKim Yes  
Deckard Yes  
Crossley Yes

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

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18. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Brianne Gregory – 8:20 pm  
Request Approval of an Additional Appropriation  
Operation Pullover, 8103-0000  
17101 Overtime \$3,340.84

The Department is requesting an appropriation of the cash balance within the Operation Pullover fund. The grant is reimbursable so after appropriating the fund, expenses will be corrected from Fund 1000 to Fund 8103.

Deckard moved to approve the Sheriff's request for an additional appropriation in Fund 8103-0000, Operation Pullover, in the amount of \$3,340.84 in the Personnel Category. McKim seconded.

Brianne Gregory, County Financial Director, presented on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. Council discussion ensued. Turner-King gave an explanation as to the grant.

No public comment.

Wiltz asked for a Roll Call vote:

Shell called the roll.

Wiltz Yes  
Iversen Yes  
Deckard Yes  
Munson Yes  
Crossley Yes  
McKim Yes

Motion passed 6-0; unanimous.

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19. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES AS PRESENTED – 8:23 pm  
-September 7, 2023: Council Budget Session #2 Summary Minutes

- September 13, 2023: Council Budget Session #4 Summary Minutes
- November 14, 2023: Council Regular Session
- November 14, 2023: Joint Executive Session of Monroe County Council and Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Deckard moved to approve the County Council Summary Minutes of September 7, 2023 – Council Budget Session #2; September 13, 2023 – Council Budget Session #4; November 14, 2023: Council Regular Session; and November 14, 2023: Joint Executive Session of Monroe County Council and Monroe County Board of Commissioners as presented. McKim seconded.

No Council discussion or changes.

Wiltz called for a Voice vote.  
Motion passed 6-0; unanimous

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## **20. COUNCIL COMMENTS – 8:24 pm**

Crossley began a discussion on the Justice Fiscal Advisory Committee(JFAC) and whether the committee should be extended into 2024. Council discussion ensued.

Wiltz moved to amend Resolution 2023-09 establishing the JFAC to extend the committee through December 31, 2024. McKim seconded.

Wiltz asked for a Voice vote.  
Motion passed 6-0; unanimous.

Iversen commented on COVID-19 and encouraged others to get vaccinations.

Deckard commented on JFAC and moving forward with building a new jail.

Munson wished everyone happy holidays.

McKim thanked President Wiltz, President Pro Tempore Deckard, the Council Office and Auditor's Office staff for their work throughout the year.

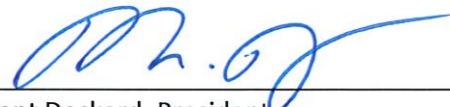
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## **21. ADJOURNMENT – 8:36 pm**



The County Council Regular Session Summary Minutes for **December 12, 2023** were presented and approved on **January 23, 2024**.

**MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present   
Jennifer Crossley, President Pro Tempore

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

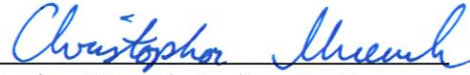
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Peter Iversen, Councilor

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

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

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

**ATTEST:**

  
Christopher Muench, Auditor Pro Tempore  
Monroe County, Indiana

1/24/24  
Date