

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met at the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana on July 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Betsy Mills, Chad Malicoat, Clay Morgan, Harold Gray, Harold Griffin, Peggy Stefandel, Susan Huhn, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor, and Attorney Joel Harvey.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Clay Morgan and the Pledge lead by Betsy Mills.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the June minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Penny York gave an EDC update on the READI grant.

Butch Baker discussed with the Council the need for new E911 Radios. The current ones they have are outdated and cannot be repaired. The Council will discuss these during budget workshops to see where they can be paid for.

Bill Upchurch requested to move money from his Technology fund to his Part-time line in his budget to hire a person part time for his Chief Deputy to train before her retirement. He would like to hire this person starting the end of August.

A motion was made by Clay Morgan and seconded by Peggy Stefandel to approve the transfer of funds from Treasurer Technology Fund to County General Treasurer Part Time. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harold Griffin and seconded by Clay Morgan to change the title of the EMS Interim Director to just EMS Director with no change of pay. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clay Morgan and Seconded by Betsy Mills to create the position of EMS Deputy Director. Will be a full time position with a salary of \$35,771.00 classified as a POLE III. Motion carried unanimously.

Chad Malicoat gave an EIRPC update.

Clay Morgan explained some ideas on how raises could be given to the Sheriff's Deputies.

- 1) Start charging for false alarm calls
- 2) Charge for funeral escorts
- 3) There will be a savings once we no longer have to pay for housing of prisoners.

Here is his suggestions for raises:

- 1) POLE IV increase salaries to \$45,553 which would be an \$80,000 increase to the budget
- 2) POLE V increase salaries to \$46,096 which would be an \$14,000 increase to the budget
- 3) POLE VI increase salaries to \$49,922 which would be an \$4,000 increase to the budget
- 4) Courthouse Security and Correctional Officers full and part time give an \$1.00 hour raise which would increase the budget \$85,712.

All of this would be just under \$200,000 impact to the budget. He feels with the charging of some services and the savings from no longer transporting prisoners would pay for the raises. This does not include any of the office staff.

Kenon Gray gave an update on ARP monies, Health Insurance and Highway Department.

The September Council meeting will be changed to September 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The Budget Hearing will be held on August 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and the Budget Adoption will be September 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Chad Malicoat to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Susan Huhn, President

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Harold Griffin

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Kenon Gray

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Chad Malicoat

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Peggy Stefandel

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Clay Morgan

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Betsy Mills

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Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor