

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 June 24, 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 a Prayer by Clay Morgan and the Pledge.

Corey Murphy gave an update on the Farm Bureau Broadband Speed Test.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Clay Morgan to approve Resolution 2021-06-26-06, A Resolution Identifying a Region for the Creation of a Region Developing Plan (RDP) and Participation in the Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-24-06

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A REGION FOR THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RDP) AND PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACCELERATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (READI)

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana, through its Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has launched the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI); and

WHEREAS, House Enrolled Act No. 1001, of the 2021 Session of the Indiana General Assembly provided \$500 million in state appropriations to promote strategic investments that will make Indiana a magnet for talent and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the READI program guidelines call for Indiana communities (counties, cities and towns) to identify their regions, coordinating organization and notify the IEDC by July 1, 2021 of their intent to seek implementation funding up to \$50 million for each region; and

WHEREAS, the IEDC will make available up to \$50,000 for a planning grant to assist in the creation of a Regional Development Plan (RDP) for submission to the IEDC by August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, both the planning and implementation phases of READI require matching funds from the private sector and local community; and

WHEREAS, the READI program guidelines discourage more than one RDP from the same region and the guidelines state, “overlap between regions could indicate a lack of regional collaboration;” and

WHEREAS, support from local government elected officials of the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership area (www.forgeeci.com) are important in the creation of the RDP and critical for its subsequent execution; and

WHEREAS, the East Central Indiana 21st Century Talent Region Designation’s application, data and relationships will provide the framework for the creation of the RDP; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Henry County, Indiana that Henry County, Indiana shall join the East Central Indiana Forge Your Path READI Regional effort as described herein.

REPEALER: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: Any provision herein contained which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or which by operation of law shall be inapplicable, shall be deemed omitted but the rest and remainder of this resolution, to the extent feasible, shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED BY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA THIS 24th
DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA

ATTEST:

Debra G. Walker, Auditor
Henry County, Indiana

Carrie Barrett and Scott Frost requested \$20,000 from the county to help with the next year Bi-Centennial. This will help with all the activities they will be having next year.

A motion was made by Clay Morgan and seconded by Chad Malicoat to give the Bi-Centennial Committee \$15,000 from Food & Beverage. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kenon Gran and seconded by Clay Morgan to accept the TIF Allocations from Middletown RDC, New Castle RDC, Town of Knightstown RDC and Henry County RDC. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clay Morgan and seconded by Harold Griffin to approve the transfer for the Henry County Commissioners for \$1,000 from Official Bonds to Office Supplies. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the payout of \$4,477.59 to Janice Ford upon her retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Achieva Resources asking for \$75,000 from Henry County for their Adult Guardianship Program. The Council is going to look further into this and discuss it at budget time.

Angela Cox gave a Health Department Update.

Chad Malicoat discussed the request at the Job Classification meeting held today.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to increase the rate of pay for Henry County EMS EMT's to \$15.00 per hour and to raise the EMS Drivers fee to \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to pay a \$2.75 per hour incentive to all E911 part time employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenon Gray gave an update on the Henry County Highway Department, Insurance and ARP.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Harold Griffin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Huhn, President

Harold Griffin

Kenon Gray

Chad Malicoat

Peggy Stefandel

Clay Morgan

Betsy Mills

Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor