

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 May 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kenon Gray, Susan Huhn, Kyle Allen, Michael Regner, Harold Griffin, Shannon Thom, Betsy Mills, County Auditor Debbie Walker and County Attorney Joel Harvey. Harold Griffin and Michael Regner were late to the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge led by Betsy Mills and a Prayer let by Susan Huhn.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Corey Murphy gave an EDC update. He gave a list of the small businesses that received the Small Business Grant. The grant amounts ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Corey stated that we could not have done this grant without ARA. Corey recognized Chad Malicoat who sits on the RDC Board and is the council appointment. They discussed the Plan Amendment that was finalized at the Commissioners meeting on May 24, 2023. Not all of the projects listed in the amendment will be done but if they are not listed they will not be able to do them if they decided they would like to do them. There is a possibility of a Bond for water and sewer to the Rothrock Dishman ground, this would be paid solely from TIF.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Susan Huhn to appoint Jon Madison and Montford Switzer to the EDC Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Shonda Kane gave a Chamber update.

Butch Baker gave to each council member information on the PSAP tax that has been prepared by Baker Tilly. If .10 is adopted it requires the county council only for approval and is good for 13 years with an estimated yearly revenue of \$1,056,100; if .11 is adopted it will require the city and the county for approval and is good for 16 years with an estimated yearly revenue of \$1,161,700; .12 is adopted it will require the city and the county for approval and is good for 20 years with an estimated yearly revenue of \$1,267,300. Mayor York let the council know that the city is in support of implementing the PSAP tax.

A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Harold Griffin to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements for Boars Head Provisions, Co., Inc. and Application for Deduction from Assessed Valuation of Structure in Economic Revitalization Areas for Brooks Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits for Real Estate Improvements for Boars Head Provisions, Co., Inc. and Application for Deduction from Assessed Valuation of Structure of Economic Revitalization Areas for 400 S. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits for Real Estate Improvements for Boars Head Provisions, Co., Inc. and Application for Deduction from Assessed Valuation of Structure of Economic Revitalization Areas for 400 S. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Shannon Thom to approve Ordinance 2023-3 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Salary Ordinance to Provide for a Hiring Bonus for Newly Hired Merit Deputy Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO.:2023-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 SALARY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A HIRING BONUS FOR NEWLY HIRED MERIT DEPUTY SHERIFFS

WHEREAS, the Henry County Council, pursuant to Indiana Code §36-2-5-3, is required to determine the number of officers, deputies and employees of Henry County and to determine the pay of officers, deputies, and employees whose compensation is payable from the County General Fund, or any other fund from which the County Auditor issues warrants for compensation; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has previously adopted an Ordinance establishing the salaries of officers, deputies and employees of Henry County, Indiana during the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Sheriff's Department needs to hire one or more additional merit deputies; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has previously authorized the use of revenue received from the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") to provide a bonus in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for persons hired as jail officers or deputy sheriffs; and

WHEREAS, the Sherriff's Department believes that offering a hiring bonus of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to newly hired deputy sheriffs will help in the hiring of qualified applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department wishes to fund the bonus from revenue allocated to the Commissary Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Henry County, Indiana, as follows:

Ordinance 2022-16 (2023 Salary Ordinance) is hereby amended as follows:

1. Persons hired as merit deputies during 2023 following the enactment of this Ordinance (and not including any person who may be eligible to receive a bonus based upon prior law enforcement experience) shall receive a one-time payment of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) upon the completion of field training.
2. The payment described in number one (1) above shall be made from revenue in the Sheriff's Commissary Fund.
3. All other provision of Ordinance 2022-16, as amended, shall continue in effect.

REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances 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 is rendered invalid, shall be deemed omitted but the rest and remainder of this ordinance, to the extent feasible, shall remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

PASSED this _____ day _____, 2023, by a vote of _____ (ayes) to _____ (nays).

COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA

President

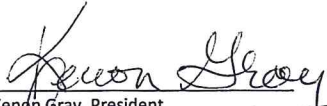
ATTEST:

Debra G. Walker, County Auditor

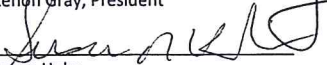
Bobbi Plummer stated that this is EMS week and she would like to thank all of the EMS workers.

The dates for this year's budget workshop will be July 26th, 28th and August 2nd, 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Susan Huhn to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



Kenon Gray, President



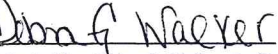
Susan Huhn



Shannon Thom

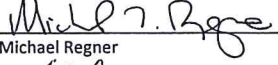


Betsy Mills

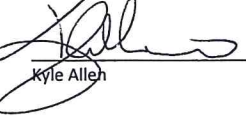


Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor

Harold Griffin



Michael Regner



Kyle Allen