

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 27, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Kenon Gray, Susan Huhn, Kyle Allen, Michael Regner, Harold Griffin, Shannon Thom, County Auditor Debbie Walker and County Attorney Joel Harvey. Betsy Mills was not in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge led by Kyle Allen and Prayer led by Susan Huhn.

A motion was made Susan Huhn and seconded by Harold Griffin to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023 and July 11, 2023 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Mike Regner to approve the transfer of \$3,278.00 from Jail Utilities to Jail Water Softener. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Harold Griffin to approve the sick payout of \$17,184.00 to retiring Sergeant Gary Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sproles talked with the Council about giving his Chief Deputy Josh Smith 80% of what the Sheriff's salary is, the county has set precedence in paying all other Chief Deputy's 80%-85% of the elected officials pay. The Council explained that they have been doing the research and they have not found a county that pays the Sheriff's Chief Deputy 80% of the Sheriff's pay. Councilman Gray explained that this would be addressed at the August 4, 2023 budget work session with the Sheriff.

Sheriff Sproles expressed his concern with not yet receiving the \$340,000 in ARPA funds that he was told he could have for new cars. The council explained that there are still a lot of questions about purchasing and leasing vehicles and which one the county should do. Shannon Thom has spoken with Enterprise, Captain Pierce and other counties and commissioners discussing how they do it. Captain Pierce explained how the leasing program would work. Captain Pierce and Sheriff Sproles expressed their concern with the mileage they have on their cars and they have no spare cars if they lose one of their fleet. Council and Commissioners are going to set up a joint work session to work this problem out.

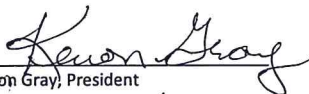
A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Shannon Thom to approve the full time dispatcher/clerk for EMS with an hourly rate of \$17.03 and yearly pay of \$31,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

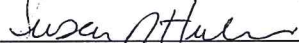
Kenon Gray asked Joel what the next process was to get the \$100,000.00 to the Guest House out of the OPID fund that the Commissioners approved at the July 12, 2023 meeting. Joel Harvey explained that since the Commissioners had appropriated the money they could approve it as well.

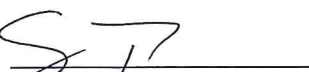
A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Kyle Allen to approve the \$100,000 to the Guest House out of the OPID fund. Motion carried unanimously.

The September meeting date has been changed from September 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to September 29, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.


A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Mike Regner to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

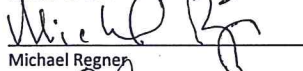

Kenon Gray, President

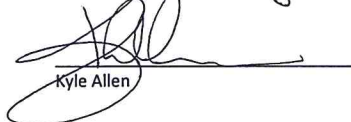

Susan Huhn


Shannon Thom


Betsy Mills


Harold Griffin


Michael Regner


Kyle Allen

Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor