

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 December 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kenon Gray, Susan Huhn, Betsy Mills, Michael Regner, Harold Griffin, Shannon Thom, Kyle Allen, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor and Joel Harvey, County Attorney.

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

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Kyle Allen to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Murphy gave a brief EDC Update.

A motion was made by Harold Griffin and seconded by Michael Regner to approve the County Council Transfer of \$9,694.28 from Reclassification to Legal Services. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Shannon Thom to approve the Safety LIT transfer of \$41,680.00 from Sheriff Medical to Sheriff Vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Kyle Allen to approve the Commissioners transfer of \$10,808.62 from Examination of Records to Social Security and \$14,582.34 from Examination of Records to Retirement (PERF). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Mike Regner to reappoint Scott Hayes and Chad Malicoat to the RDC Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the sick payout to Sharyl Widener in the amount of \$10,618.30. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harold Griffin and seconded by Kyle Allen to approve the sick payout to Sharon Custer in the amount of \$12,135.20. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Shannon Thom to approve the sick payout to Gary Whittle from the Memorial Park fund in the amount of \$11,228.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the sick payout to Patricia Aaron in the amount of \$11,910.30 to be paid from 911 fund. Motion carried unanimously.

The council thanked Butch Baker for his 48 years of service in Henry County Emergency Services.

The Highway Superintendent job was discussed along with the Highway Engineer position going to part time. It was suggested by Shannon Thom that the Highway Superintendent position be paid at 70,232.00 and remain an Exempt position. Kenon Gray stated that the \$70,232.00 was midrange for this position and the Highway Engineer position recommended hourly wage by \$62.50 per hour and that is at the high end of the range. Susan Huhn asked if that was the current wage of the Highway Superintendent and it was not because there currently is not a Superintendent position. ~~Susan Huhn stated that next year the Assistant Superintendent would go away next year.~~ *Struck at 1/10/24 meeting*

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Susan Huhn to make the Highway Superintendent salary as \$70,232.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Susan Huhn to make the Highway Engineer a part time position with the hourly rate of \$62.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Angela Cox discussed with the Council about restructuring the jobs at the Health Dept. There were no changes made to the currently positions only the Director of Health Educations and Community Health Workers were new positions. A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the Director of Health Education as a PAT IV with a yearly salary of \$57,450.00. Motion carried unanimously. It was discussed what the salary of a COMOT V position was currently paid which is what the Community Health Workers are suggested to be classified as. A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the Community Health Workers to be classified as a COMOT V with a yearly salary of \$39,447.00. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to table all other Health Dept. positions. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Kyle Allen to have the 2024 Council meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Betsy Mills to have Council Work Sessions as needed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. These will be held through September. Betsy Mills asked if these would be able to be held by Zoom. Joel Harvey explained that they have to be live streamed and at least 4 people needed to be at the work session in person. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was Susan Huhn and seconded by Mike Regner to leave all the 2024 as follows:


- Abatement Committee                      Betsy Mills, Mike Regner & Shannon Thom
- Assessor                                      Kennon Gray
- Auditor                                        Susan Huhn
- Clerk & Voter Registration                Shannon Thom
- Commissioners                              Susan Huhn
- Community Corrections                    Kyle Allen
- Coroner                                        Betsy Mills
- EIRPC    Kenon Gray
- EDC    Kenon Gray or 2024 Council President
- EMS    Shannon Thom
- Extension Office                              Kenon Gray
- Health Dept.                                  Susan Huhn
- Highway Dept.                                Kenon Gray
- Job Classification                            Susan Huhn, Betsy Mills, Shannon Thom
- JDAI    Kenon Gray
- LiVe; JCAP & Mental Health                Kenon Gray & Kyle Allen
- Memorial Park                                Susan Huhn & Mike Regner
- 911    Kyle Allen
- Planning Commissioner                    Kenon Gray
- Probation                                      Kyle Allen
- Prosecutor                                    Kyle Allen
- Public Defender                              Kyle Allen
- All LIT's                                        Kenon Gray, Susan Huhn & Shannon Thom
- Recorder                                        Betsy Mills
- Sheriff/Jail                                    Harold Griffin, Susan Huhn & Shannon Thom
- Solid Waste Management                    Mike Regner
- Surveyor                                        Kyle Allen
- Treasurer                                      Betsy Mills
- Unified Courts                                Kyle Allen
- Veteran's Office                              Mike Regner

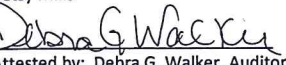
A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Shannon Thom to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

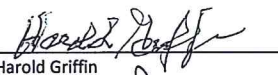
  
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Kenon Gray, President

  
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Susan Huhn

  
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Shannon Thom

  
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Betsy Mills

  
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Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor

  
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Harold Griffin

  
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Michael Regner

  
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Kyle Allen