

DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 2021
DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURTROOM
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers,
Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb,
Deputy, Ms. Donna Patterson, Auditor, Mr. Steven G Craycraft, Recording Secretary, Ms. Denise Smith,
Attorney, Mr. William Hughes
Absent: Councilmember Chambers
Zoom: Councilmember Quakenbush

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AGENDA POSTED
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Ballard
YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember
Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb
Absent: Councilmember Chambers
Zoom: Councilmember Quakenbush (could not hear)

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve October 26, 2021.
SECOND: Councilmember Ballard
YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember
Piper, Councilmember Webb
Absent: Councilmember Chambers
Zoom: Councilmember Quakenbush (Councilmember Quakenbush not able to connect)

RESOLUTIONS

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ADDENDUM
TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

RESOLUTION 2021-050

Mr. William Hughes, Council Attorney, said this this extends the \$800,000 agreement, with no changes
for 2022.

Councilmember Ballard said the Board was able to agree to continue the agreement for another year.

MOTION: Councilmember Lasater made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-050.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember
Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 050

A RESOLUTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-7-1, et seq. (the "Interlocal Law") authorizes political subdivisions to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements for the joint exercise of powers; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Council (the "Fiscal Body") by Resolution 2020-037 authorized the entry into an interlocal agreement for the joint exercise of the power to operate and fund an emergency dispatch and communications center ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the parties to the Agreement wish to extend it for an additional one year until December 31, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Fiscal Body does hereby authorize and approve the entry by the Government Entity into the Addendum to Interlocal Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto (the "Addendum").

2. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage, execution of the Addendum by all parties thereto and upon compliance with the procedures required by law.

Dated this 23 day of November, 2021.


Scott Alexander, Councilman


Ryan M. Ballard, Councilman


Ryan Webb, Councilman


Jessica Piper, Councilwoman


Mary Chambers, Councilwoman

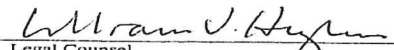

Ronald Quakenbush, Councilman


Jane Lasater, Councilwoman

Attest:


Steven Craycraft, Auditor

This Resolution is approved in form by


Legal Counsel

Still waiting on City Council, City Clerk and Mayor's signature. Mr. John Brooke will provide.

TRANSFER, FINANCIAL and ADDENDUMS AGENDA Ms.

Donna Patterson, Deputy Auditor, read aloud requests.

**A TRANSFER
COUNTY GENERAL**

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Circuit Court Dept (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Communication 1000-124 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Public Defender Office #139 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

Ms. Shelly Harvey, Public Defenders office, said this is for copies that is required to send to defendants.

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Jail 145 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Sheriff 129 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve MVH Highway 1176 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

Ms. Carrie Dye, Office Manager, said this is in preparation for bad weather conditions (overtime).

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve LOIT 1170 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

ADDENDUM

COUNTY GENERAL

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Commissioner's transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Jail transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve as Highway Bridge 1135 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Highway MVH 1176 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Project Income 2501 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Surveyor Perpetuation Fund 1202/217 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

ADDENDUM 2

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Commissioner's transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

FINANCIALS COUNTY

COUNTY GENERAL

Commissioners withdrawn

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Coroner for \$65,000.

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

Ms. Rhiannon Reed, Coroner's office, stated that there have been 24 autopsies since the middle of October 2021.

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve State Prosecutor Seizure Fund 137 for \$1,500.

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Auditor 126 for \$3,521.

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

Ms. Patterson said this publication for the tax sale and will be reimbursed.

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve EMS Capital Improvements 9076 for \$18,950.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Opioid Grant 8199 for \$60,000.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve financials, transfers and to amend salary ordinance with like reductions and to amend hiring freeze ordinance 2020-015.

SECOND: councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS

President Alexander said all Councilmembers should have received a letter in the mail and email from the Commissioners. The letter is in regards to an increase for three employees and to reduce the increase for all three Commissioners.

Mr. Hughes said the attached letter noted that State Board of Accounts said this could be done when County Council adopts the 2022 salary. The problem is that this has already been done as part of the budget adoption. Mr. Hughes does not disagree with the State Board of Accounts but is concerned about DLGF. Mr. Hughes has reached out to DLGF and is waiting on an answer. Mr. Hughes said a state statute states that an elected officials salary cannot be reduce in the year in which it is fixed and this cannot be fixed in January. Mr. Hughes wants to be sure that having already adopted the salary ordinance that County Council would have the authority to amend it before year end. Once Mr. Hughes receives an answer he will then forward it on to all Councilmembers.

Councilmember Lasater said she has been in the building for 30 years and has made mistakes over the years, but she did not lie and has never lied. Councilmember Lasater would like to straighten this out. Years ago, the county engineer left and they wanted to promote within and pay less money. This had nothing to do with elected officials. The State Board of Accounts said the Auditor shall pay for what the County Council has approved, per budget. Council was told that they had to pay what had been adopted. Lasater said she has been fair to tax payers and to employees. Council knows how much can be spent in a budget year and that is what they work with. Councilmember Lasater said when Councilmember Webb took office she met with him and was honest in how she felt. Lasater said this was a personal budget year. Lasater will abstain her vote due to this becoming a personal issue.

Councilmember Ballard said a lot was said during budget time. As Councilmember Ballard stated, Councilmembers are elected body and are expected to report to the taxpayer. Tough questions have to be asked during budgets and Councilmembers will continue doing this.

Councilmember Webb said in general the Commissioners have requested that three employees to get a raise from what they were given. Webb appreciates the recognition of the three employees. It is unfortunate that this could not have happened before the budget was approved. Webb shows his support, if Mr. Hughes says it is okay with DLGF.

President Alexander said it is Councils interest to look into this situation. The Commissioners did make the request in the budget.

Councilmember Piper is not opposed to getting the answer but asked how this would impact Commissioners salaries in the future. Councilmember Piper said this would be good information to know.

Ms. Jeni Honeycutt, Executive Assistant, said she was told to increase line items by 5%. This was not acknowledged during budget hearing, however it was discussed. After speaking with State Board of accounts they were told that is still could in fact be pushed through. Ms. Honeycutt said Councilmember Lasater's comments felt very personal and that she does have respect for Councilmember Lasater. Ms. Honeycutt and Ms. Pam McCammon do not view Councilmember Lasater as a liar. Ms. Honeycutt said her and Ms. McCammon appreciates Councilmember Webb's support.

Councilmember Piper answered one question from Facebook regarding the reallocation of increases.

December's Council meeting is December 14, 2021.

President Alexander wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Webb reminded everyone to give refugees from Afghanistan a warm welcome to the community as they settle into the area.

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to adjourn until December 14, 2021.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Webb

Absent: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Quakenbush



**DELAWARE
COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

James King
District #1

Sherry K. Riffin
District #2

Shannon Henry
District #3

Jeni Honeycutt
Executive Administrator

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November 17, 2021

Hon. Scott Alexander
President, Delaware County Council
1600 W. Riffin Road
Muncie, IN 47303

Sent Via email and First Class Mail
Re: Salary Increase for Commissioners Henry and King

Dear Scott:

The Delaware County Council increased the salaries of Commissioners King, Riffin and Henry for 2022 by \$1,000. This increase was unexpected and appreciated by all Commissioners. However, in checking with the State Board of Accounts, we have determined that we do not wish to accept this increase in our salary.

It is the position of both Commissioners King and Henry that the salary increase of \$1,000 each of us is to receive in 2022 should be added to the salaries of two of our employees, Pam McCammon and Jeni Honeycutt each for their salaries. In our conversations with the State Board of Accounts the transfer of this salary increase anticipated for 2022 can be accepted by the County Council when they adopt the 2022 Salary Ordinance. Additionally, Commissioner Riffin would request that her \$1,000 increase be added to the salary of David Hill, County Building/Delaware County Justice and Rehabilitation Center Custodian Supervisor.

The prohibition against reducing the salary of an elected official does not apply since the salary increase has not been adopted or implemented for 2022. All of the employees of County deserve a wage increase, however the undersigned Commissioners recognize the volume and extent of the work that Mr. Hill, Ms. McCammon and Ms. Honeycutt perform on a daily basis to keep the County moving forward.


It is the request and position of Commissioners James King and Shannon Henry that their salary increases of \$1,000 each be provided to increase the salaries of Pam McCammon and Jeni Honeycutt and that the \$1,000 salary increase from Commissioner Riffin be added to the salary of David Hill.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours,


James King


Shannon Henry


Sherry Riffin

Cc: County Council Members
Steven G. Craycraft, Delaware County Auditor

Councilmember Alexander



Councilmember Ballard



Councilmember Chambers-absent for November

Councilmember Lasater absent for December

Councilmember Piper Jissi Piper

Councilmember Quakenbush-absent zoom for December

Councilmember Webb



Auditor Steven G Craycraft



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WHEREAS: It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:		
County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said municipal corporation for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds for the purposes herein specified subject to the laws governing the same on November 23, 2021		
TRANSFER AGENDA FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MONTH OF November 23, 2021		
COUNTY GENERAL		
CIRCUIT COURT DEPT 1000-138-5-00000		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
A168 COURT REPORTER		
C136 ASSISTANT COURT REPORTER	-\$1,700.00	- 1700
C139 ASSISTANT COURT REPORTER	-\$1,200.00	- 1200
C165 COURT SECRETARY	-\$1,200.00	- 1200
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	-\$1,200.00	- 1200
312 COURT ORDERED ATTORNEYS		
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	\$5,000.00	5000
441 OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
TOTAL	\$300.00	300.
	\$0.00	0
COMMUNICATION 1000-124		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
1000 124 B130 COMM TECH		
1000 124 C130 COMM TECH	-\$13,161.05	- 13,161.05
TOTAL	\$13,161.05	13,161.05
	\$0.00	0
PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE #139		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
SALARY 1000-139-5-00000-150		
SALARY 1000-139-5-00000-155	-\$1,800.00	- 1800
HEALTH INSURANCE 1000-139-5-00000-193	-\$750.00	- 750
SUPPLIES	-\$1,000.00	- 1000.
OFFICE SUPPLIES 100-139-5-00000-211		
TOTAL	\$3,550.00	3550.
	\$0.00	0

JAIL 145		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
145/E161 COOK		
145/F161 COOK		
TOTAL		
	P. per Ballard	
	-\$3,406.60	- 3406.60
	\$3,406.60	3406.60
	\$0.00	0
SHERIFF 129		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
129/B138 DEPUTY		
129/D111 SGT		
129/B101 SHERIFF		
129/C138 DEPUTY		
129/B101 SHERIFF		
TOTAL		
	P. per Webb	
	-\$324.37	- 324.37
	\$96.08	96.08
	\$228.29	228.29
	-\$350.00	- 350
	\$350.00	350
	\$0.00	0
OTHER		
MVH HIGHWAY 1176		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
C143 1176-202-5-2000C-143 TRUCK DRIVER 18.31		
D143 1176-202-5-2000D-143 TRUCK DRIVER 18.31		
170 1176-202-5-20000-170 PART-TIME		
160 1176-202-5-20000-160 OVERTIME		
TOTAL		
	P. per Lasater	
	-\$1,469.00	- 1469
	\$1,469.00	1469
	-\$30,000.00	- 30,000
	\$30,000.00	30,000
	\$0.00	0
LOIT 1170		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
1170/C111 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER		
1170/D111 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER		
TOTAL		
	P. per Webb	
	-\$6,138.82	- 6138.82
	\$6,138.82	6138.82
	\$0.00	0

WHEREAS: It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget November 23, 2021 ADDENDUM

COUNTY GENERAL		
COMMISSIONERS		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
173 Health Insurance		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	Piper	-75,000.00
325 UTILITIES	Webb	75,000.00
TOTAL		0.00
JAIL		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
145/325 MEDICAL CONTRACTS	Piper	-12,117.92
145/224 INMATE MEALS	Webb	-12,908.54
145/311 HOSPITAL SERVICES		25,026.46
TOTAL		0.00
OTHER		
HIGHWAY BRIDGE 1135		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	Piper	
391 DITCH RECONSTRUCTION		-8,700.00
CAPITAL OUTLAYS		
441 MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	Jane	8,700.00
TOTAL		0.00
HIGHWAY MVII 1176		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
C146 1176-202-5-2000C-146 TRUCK DRIVER \$18.31		-9,000.00
D146 1176-202-5-2000D-146 TRUCK DRIVER \$18.31		9,000.00
TOTAL		0.00
PROJECT INCOME 2501		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
2501-215-5-00000-173 INSURANCE		-700.00
2501-215-5-00000-199 LONGEVITY		700.00
TOTAL		0.00

SURVEYOR PERPETUATION FUND 1202/217		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
199 Longevity		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	600.00	
311 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
TOTAL	-600.00	
Councilmember Alexander	0.00	
Councilmember Ballard		
Councilmember Chambers		
Councilmember Lasater		
Councilmember Piper		
Councilmember Quakenbush		
Councilmember Webb		
Auditor Craycraft		

WHEREAS: It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:

ORIGINAL

November 23 2021 ADDENDUM 2

COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY GENERAL
PERSONAL SERVICES
Salaries and Wages

172 PERF

-70,000

OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES

386 Institutional Care
TOTAL

70,000

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Councilmember Alexander

Councilmember Ballard

Councilmember Chambers

Councilmember Lasater

Councilmember Piper

Councilmember Quakenbush

Councilmember Webb

Auditor Craycraft

WHEREAS: It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:		
SECTION 1, THEREFORE: Be it ordained by the County Council of Delaware County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said municipal corporation for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds for the purposes herein specified subject to the laws governing the same on November 23, 2021		
COUNTY GENERAL		
COMMISSIONERS		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES		
386 INSTITUTIONAL CARE		
TOTAL	Withdrawn \$70,000.00 \$70,000.00	
CORONER		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
1000 133 198 Part time		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES		
1000 133 311 AUTOPSY, LAB, X-RAY	21,000 in hole	
TOTAL	\$5,000.00 5000 \$60,000.00 60,000 \$65,000.00 65,000	
STATE PROSECUTOR SEIZURE FUND 137		
SUPPLIES		
211 OFFICE SUPPLIES	No Show	
TOTAL	Fortifications \$1,500.00 1500 \$1,500.00 1500	
AUDITOR 126		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES		
332 PUBLICATION	Per Webb	
TOTAL	\$3,521.00 3521 \$3,521.00 3521	
OTHER		
EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES		
4910 WINDOW AND MATTRESS REPLACEMENT	Per Finance	
4910 STATION WINDOW REPAIR/REPLACEMENT	4950.	4950.
TOTAL	\$18,950.00 \$14,000.00 \$32,950.00 18,950.	18,950

