

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

Minutes of the Harrison County Council meeting held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. local time, in the Commissioners' and Council Room of the Harrison County Government Center located in Corydon, Indiana.

Present:	Jake Blackman, Council Member	Mike Summers, Council Attorney
	Sherry Brown, Council Member	Sara Burdick, County Auditor
	Holli Castetter, Council Member	Chad Shireman, County Administrator
	Richard Gerdon, Council Member	
	Joe Kellum, Council Member	
	Kyle Nix, Council Member	

Vice-chairman Kyle Nix led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Vice-chairman Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with six members of the Harrison County Council and Council Attorney Mike Summers present. Chairman Donnie Hussung was absent.

Health department administrator Jennifer Caffrey came before the commissioners to present the Harrison County Health Department's 2024 annual report. Ms. Caffrey noted the appointment of Dr. Lisa Clunie as the health officer, along with several new board members during the year. She said the department issued 186 septic tank permits and conducted 366 septic inspections. Jennifer Caffrey said there were 21 pool inspections, 4 inspections of potential meth labs, and 343 regular food inspections conducted for the year. They also investigated 117 food-related complaints and administered 606 flu vaccines. She ended her presentation by highlighting the success of the county-funded CPR program, which provided 885 heart saver classes and 132 doses of Narcan.

Parks superintendent Larry Shickles came before the council with multiple items. The first was a request to pass an ordinance pertaining to cash change stations at the Battle Park and Hayswood. Mr. Shickles said this would allow for \$200 change banks to be held at both locations to ensure adequate change during weekends and holidays. After feedback from council attorney, Mike Summers, councilman Gerdon made a motion to adopt ordinance 2025-07 pending corrections. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The next two parks' items were additional appropriation requests out of the county share of riverboat fund. The first request was in the amount of \$17,900.00 to replace the existing sidewalk at the Battle Park with an ADA-accessible concrete walkway. The second funding request was in the amount of \$76,871.00 for a new service truck that would replace 1995 Dodge and 2013 F250 flatbed trucks that have worsening mechanical issues.

Mr. Shickles said the last request was in the amount of \$20,000.00 for concession supplies out of the parks & recreation fund to re-stock inventory at various parks.

Highway superintendent Glen Bube came before the council with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$930,241.74 out of the county share of riverboat fund. The request included four different funding options for the council's consideration, including purchasing chassis only and re-using existing beds, buying new beds, and fully outfitting the trucks with plows and salt boxes. The cost of the new trucks ranged from \$310,080.58 for fully outfitted options to \$256,853.00 per truck when using existing beds. Mr. Bube said there would be some additional costs associated with painting the existing beds in order to reuse them.

Commissioner president Nelson Stepro spoke to the council about a request to replace the water softener system at the justice center. He noted that they were currently working on obtaining multiple bids since the project will likely exceed \$50,000.00. An additional appropriation request had been advertised in the amount of \$75,790.00 in the county share of riverboat fund, but the actual cost may be lower.

Commissioner Stepro also explained another additional appropriation request in the amount of \$11,568.65 for asset repair in the county share of riverboat fund. He said this was to appropriate monies recently received for hail damages incurred at the county extension building earlier in the year.

County administrator Chad Shireman spoke about an additional appropriation request from the clerk's office. The request was in the amount of \$11,979.35 from the county general fund for maintenance of voting machines. The council asked that Mr. Shireman reach out to the clerk and request that she be present at the council's next meeting when the request is voted on.

Larry Shickles provided a brief update on the funding request for the parks department service truck, noting that the actual quote amount was lower than what he had requested, totaling \$67,356.00.

Vice-chairman Nix said that the next order of business was additional appropriations for the council's consideration. Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$260,000.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$193,879.00 for contractual services in the cumulative bridge fund. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$188,500.00 for contractual services in the motor vehicle highway fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,095.26 to the Town of Corydon, \$175.94 to the Town of Crandall, \$260.62 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$96.20 to the Town of Laconia, \$1,211.06 to the Town of Lanesville, \$58.38 to the Town of Mauckport, \$1,021.95 to the Town of Milltown, \$19.73 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$115.10 to the Town of New Middletown and \$1,167.48 to the Town of Palmyra for infrastructure out of the county share of riverboat fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Kellum made a motion to approve additional appropriations in the amount of \$93,962.51 to Crawford County, \$23,490.63 to Washington County, \$11,745.31 to Floyd County, \$11,745.31 to the Town of Georgetown, \$35,235.94 to the City of New Albany, \$17,551.02 to the Town of Corydon, \$755.22 to the Town of Crandall, \$1,115.80 to the Town of Elizabeth, \$411.09 to the Town of Laconia, \$5,191.43 to the Town of Lanesville, \$250.18 to the Town of Mauckport, \$4,381.00 to the Town of Milltown, \$83.39 to the Town of New Amsterdam, \$494.48 to the Town of New Middletown and \$5,002.33 to the Town of Palmyra for riverboat revenue sharing out of the county riverboat ordinance 98-12 fund. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nay.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the Annual Budget;

NOW THEREFORE: Sec. 1 Be it ordained by the County Council of Harrison County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums are hereby appropriated out of the funds named for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
<u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</u>		
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 260,000.00
1135-31600-000-0530 Contractual Services	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 193,879.00
TOTAL CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND	\$ 610,000.00	\$ 453,879.00

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND</u>		
1176-31600-000-0531 Contractual Services	\$ 188,500.00	\$ 188,500.00
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 188,500.00	\$ 188,500.00

<u>COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUND</u>		
1191-30601-000-0100 Town of Corydon (I)	\$ 4,095.26	\$ 4,095.26
1191-30702-000-0100 Town of Crandall (I)	\$ 175.94	\$ 175.94
1191-30801-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (I)	\$ 260.62	\$ 260.62
1191-30901-000-0100 Town of Laconia (I)	\$ 96.20	\$ 96.20
1191-31002-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (I)	\$ 1,211.06	\$ 1,211.06
1191-31109-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (I)	\$ 58.38	\$ 58.38
1191-31207-000-0100 Town of Milltown (I)	\$ 1,021.95	\$ 1,021.95
1191-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (I)	\$ 19.73	\$ 19.73
1191-31408-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (I)	\$ 115.10	\$ 115.10
1191-31508-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (I)	\$ 1,167.48	\$ 1,167.48
TOTAL COUNTY SHARE OF RIVERBOAT FUNDS	\$ 8,221.72	\$ 8,221.72

<u>COUNTY RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND</u>		
7303-30107-000-0100 Crawford County (RS)	\$ 93,962.51	\$ 93,962.51
7303-30204-000-0100 Washington County (RS)	\$ 23,490.63	\$ 23,490.63
7303-30301-000-0100 Floyd County (RS)	\$ 11,745.31	\$ 11,745.31
7303-30501-000-0100 Town of Georgetown (RS)	\$ 11,745.31	\$ 11,745.31
7303-30404-000-0100 City of New Albany (RS)	\$ 35,235.94	\$ 35,235.94
7303-30600-000-0100 Town of Corydon (RS)	\$ 17,551.02	\$ 17,551.02
7303-30701-000-0100 Town of Crandall (RS)	\$ 755.22	\$ 755.22
7303-30800-000-0100 Town of Elizabeth (RS)	\$ 1,115.80	\$ 1,115.80
7303-30900-000-0100 Town of Laconia (RS)	\$ 411.09	\$ 411.09
7303-31001-000-0100 Town of Lanesville (RS)	\$ 5,191.43	\$ 5,191.43
7303-31108-000-0100 Town of Mauckport (RS)	\$ 250.18	\$ 250.18
7303-31206-000-0100 Town of Milltown (RS)	\$ 4,381.00	\$ 4,381.00
7303-31307-000-0100 Town of New Amsterdam (RS)	\$ 83.39	\$ 83.39
7303-31407-000-0100 Town of New Middletown (RS)	\$ 494.48	\$ 494.48
7303-31507-000-0100 Town of Palmyra (RS)	\$ 5,002.33	\$ 5,002.33
TOTAL RIVERBOAT ORD. 98-12 FUND	\$ 211,415.64	\$ 211,415.64

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE, 2025

Vice-chairman Nix said the next order of business would be transfer of funds for the council's consideration. Councilman Gerdon made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$1,815.00 from tower rental to contractual services in the EMA budget in the county general fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilman Blackman made a motion to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$4,000.00 from part-time employees to longevity in the motor vehicle highway fund. Councilman Kellum seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 54

WHEREAS, certain extraordinary emergencies have developed since the adoption of the existing annual budget, so that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the Annual Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, to meet such extraordinary emergencies:

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Harrison County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said Municipal Corporation the following items are hereby transferred and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>		
1000-31600-000-0361 Contractual Services-EMA	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 1,815.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 1,815.00
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND</u>		
1176-12400-000-0531 Longevity	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

Sec. 2. **WHEREAS**, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have un-obligated balances which will not be needed for the purpose for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced the following amounts:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>		
1000-37002-000-0361 Tower Rental-EMA	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 1,815.00
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 1,815.00
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND</u>		
1176-13300-000-0531 Part Time Employees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

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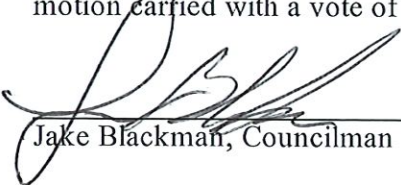
The next order of business was meeting minutes for the council's consideration. Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the April 28, 2025 council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to table the May 12, 2025 council meeting minutes. Councilman Gerdon seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Castetter made a motion to approve the May 27, 2025 council meeting minutes. Councilman Blackman seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Stepro announced the county was planning to contract with Reference Services Inc to conduct background checks and other services that are being required by the county's insurance provider. He added that the company would be doing a demo on Wednesday at 11 AM to provide a general overview

Councilman Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Councilwoman Brown seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.



Jake Blackman, Councilman



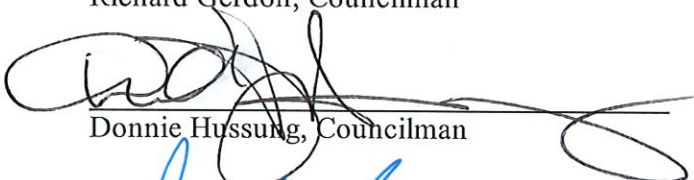
Sherry Brown, Councilwoman



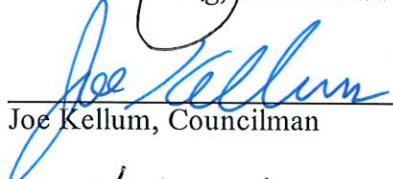
Holli Castetter, Councilwoman



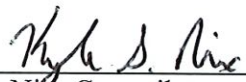
Richard Gerdon, Councilman



Donnie Hussung, Councilman



Joe Kellum, Councilman



Kyle Nix, Councilman

ATTEST: 

Sara Burdick, County Auditor