

**February 9, 2024**

Newton County Council met for their regular scheduled meeting at the Newton County Government Center in Morocco, IN. Those in attendance included Scott Carlson, David Atkinson, Matthew Gibson, Mick Vanderwall, Robert Churchill, Michael Mark, and Tom VanVleet. Also present were Auditor Tami James and Council Attorney Linda Harris

Scott Carlson called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag.

**Kankakee River Basin**

Scott Pelath came to give a presentation on what is going on with the Kankakee River.

**Board Reports**

David Atkinson reported the Plan Commission had a meeting and looked at a proposal for an 8 unit subdivision with 10 acre lots south of Roselawn. They recommended approval to Commissioners. They also vacated an alley in Roselawn and recommended that.

**Minutes**

No minutes to approve.

**Additional and Transfers****Sheriff****Additional**

\$16,093.51

1000.33600.005

Or

4905.33600.005

***Michael Mark made a motion to approve the Landfill request for the Additional and to deny the County General, second by Matthew Gibson. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.***

**Drainage****Additional**

\$75,000.00

\$4905.30900.063

There was discussion about the Lake Village Drainage Project, which is what this money is for.

***Michael Mark made motion to approve the Additional for the Drainage Board, second by Robert Churchill. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.***

There was discussion about drainage issues they are having.

**Assessor****Additional**

\$55,000.00

1188.43200.000

There was discussion about the new vehicle. The request was originally for \$55,000.00 but Assessor Hoskins feels they will need \$40,000. There was also discussion on clearly marking the vehicle as Assessor.

***Tom VanVleet made a motion to approve the Additional Request of \$40,000.000 as submitted for Reassessment, second by Matthew Gibson. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.***

**Commissioner/II****Transfer**

\$10,000.00

4905.33900.106

4905.21000.106

There was discussion that this was for maintenance on the copy machine.

***David Atkinson made a motion to approve the Transfer Request from II, second by Matthew Gibson. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.***

**E911****Additional**

\$250,000.00

4905.43600.903

There was discussion that this is for the first part of the Radio Project.

***Michael Mark made a motion to approve the Additional Request, second by Robert Churchill. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.***

E911/Radio Project

Jim Large updated on the Radio Project. He also had handouts for everyone. Jim brought a gentleman with him to discuss the Radio Project plans. There was discussion on the project.

EMA

Matthew VanDrunen came to Council with plans for the Enos building. There was discussion about this building. Commissioner Rossiter also asked Council to please consider this as it is badly needed.

**\*\*Michael Mark and Robert Churchill left the meeting at 10:13 am\*\***

There was continued discussion about this building.

Encumbrances

*Matthew Gibson made a motion to approve all encumbrances for \$105,656.30, second by David Atkinson. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

Other Matters

Landfill Money

There was discussion on Landfill closure and Landfill Holding.

*Tom VanVleet made a motion to move the Landfill Holdings into the Landfill and to make the transfer closure money out of their budget to the Landfill Closure, second by Matthew Gibson. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

SWCD

Laura Floyd came to remind Council that RSVPs are due for their Annual Meeting.

Pay Matrix

Tom VanVleet brought up how to fix a payroll issue Auditor James has been having. There was discussion about rates for full time and part time employees.

Special Commissioners' Meeting

There is a meeting on February 27, 2024 on the Sports Complex and Commissioners would like to invite Council.

*Matthew Gibson made a motion to adjourn, second by Mick Vandervall. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

  
Scott Carlson, President

  
David Atkinson, Vice President

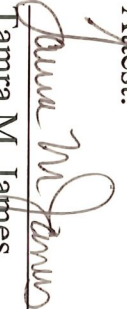
  
Tom VanVleet

  
Michael Mark

  
Robert Churchill

  
Mick Vandervall

  
Matt Gibson

Attest:  
  
Tamra M. James  
Newton County Auditor

**ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS**

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Newton County, Indiana for the expenses of the County Government and its institutions that the following sums of money are hereby ordered transferred from the appropriations as originally set out for the year 2023 to the appropriations specified therein, subject to the laws governing same.

SECTION 2: THAT for said fiscal period there is hereby appropriated in the following specified amounts:

FROM	FUND	DEPARTMENT	REQUESTED	ALLOWED	SCOTT CARLSON	DAVID ATKINSON	ROB CHURCHILL	MATT GIBSON	MICK VANDERWALL	TOM VANVLEET
4905	Landfill	106 I.T.	33900	Maintenance Contract						
4905	Landfill	106 I.T.	21000	Office Supplies	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		

Adopted February 9, 2024

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*Scott Carlson*  
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*David Atkinson*  
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*Robert Churchill*  
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*Matthew Gibson*  
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*Michael Mark*  
Michael Mark

*Michael Vanderwall*  
Michael Vanderwall

*Thomas VanVleet*  
Thomas VanVleet

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Scott Carlson

David Atkinson

Robert Churchill

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Michael Mark

Michael Vanderwall

Thomas VanVleet

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**Newton County encumbrances 12/31/23 for 2024**

	<u>Requested amount</u>	<u>Allowed amount</u>
<b>1000 CO GENERAL</b>		
Circuit Court	\$618.60	
Public Defender	\$2,150.00	
<b>Total Co General</b>	<b>\$2,768.60</b>	<u>2,768.60</u>
<b>1202 SURVEYOR CORNER PERP</b>		
Surveyor Corner Perp	\$1,828.60	
<b>Total Surveyor Corner Perp</b>	<b>\$1,828.60</b>	<u>1,828.60</u>
<b>4905 LANDFILL</b>		
Sheriff	\$10,064.10	
Highway - 533 General & Undistributed	\$90,995.00	
<b>Total Landfill</b>	<b>\$101,059.10</b>	<u>101,059.10</u>
<b>Total Encumbrances</b>	<b>\$105,656.30</b>	

Approved

Aye

Nay

<i>Scott Carlson</i> Scott Carlson	Scott Carlson
<i>David Atkinson</i> David Atkinson	David Atkinson

<i>Robert Churchill</i> Robert Churchill	Robert Churchill
<i>Matthew Gibson</i> Matthew Gibson	Matthew Gibson

<i>Michael Mark</i> Mick Vanderwall	Michael Mark
<i>Thomas VanVleet</i> Thomas VanVleet	Mick Vanderwall
	Thomas VanVleet



March 8, 2024

Newton County Council met for their regular scheduled meeting at the Newton County Government Center in Morocco, IN. Those in attendance included Scott Carlson, David Atkinson, Matthew Gibson, Michael Mark, and Tom VanVleet. Absent were Robert Churchill and Mick Vandervall. Also present were Auditor Tami James and Council Attorney Linda Harris

Scott Carlson called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag.

Board ReportsHR Board

Tom VanVleet reported that they have been trying to get their schedules together. They will have a meeting next week.

Meeting Minutes

*Matthew Gibson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 10/13/2023, 11/09/2023, 12/08/2023, 12/15/2023, second by Tom VanVleet. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

Additional and TransfersTreasurerTransfer

\$1,326.00  
1000.20200.003  
1000.32200.003

*Michael Mark made a motion to approve the Transfer request from Treasurer, second by Tom VanVleet. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

CommissionersAdditional

\$40,000.00  
1000.37800.068

\$3,000.00  
4905.15607.068

*Michael Mark made motion to approve both the Additional requests for Commissioners, second by Matthew Gibson. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

E911Additional

\$5,000,000.00  
4905.46300.903

*Michael Mark made a motion to approve the Additional Request of \$5,000,000.00 for the Radio Project, second by Tom VanVleet.*

There was discussion on this project.

There was discussion on COVID money.

*All in favor, motion passed 5-0.*

There was more discussion on this project.

EMSAED's

Jeremy Kalizae came to Council to show them the new AED's. These should be good for 10 years. There was discussion on building, replacement, etc. The Sheriff's Deputies will be getting theirs switched out this week.

Contractual

There was discussion on how EMS has been able to cut the spending on some of their contractual services.

Ambulance

Jeremy informed Council that he had spoken to Commissioners about the ambulance situation. Commissioners gave him permission to start bidding. There was discussion on this topic. There was discussion of a re-mount.

Other Matters

Council questioned Jeremy on staffing, morale, etc.

There was discussion on having a Deputy Director.

GT Sports

Tim Myers came with representatives from GT Sports to discuss with Council the proposed sports center. This was a follow-up to last week's meeting.