

July 12, 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, Robert Churchill, Mick Vanderwall, 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.

Board Reports

HR

Tom VanVleet discussed they are working on getting the training done for department heads and elected officials for new hires. They are scheduling a training day for this.

Plan Commission

David Atkinson stated they were against a zoning change in Roselawn from Residential Business to Industrial. The Commissioners also passed on that project.

RSWD

Randy Decker said at the meeting that things are moving along well with the right-a-ways for the Sewer Project in Roselawn.

Meeting Minutes

David Atkinson made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from 03/08/2024 and 04/12/2024, second by Tom VanVleet. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

SWCD

Bri Styck brought her new interns to meet Council and tell what they are working on.

Additional and Transfers

Sheriff

Additional

\$25,000.00

1000.33600.005

OR

4905.33600.005

Sheriff Cothran explained this is from the company they were using to put on lights, sirens, etc. These items are now falling off the vehicles. He has contacted the county attorney to file suit and try to recoup the money for breach of contract.

Michael Mark made a motion to approve the Landfill request and deny County General, second by Mick Vanderwall. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Commissioners

Additional

\$90,000.00

1000.32500.068

Commissioner Rossiter explained to Council this request is because at their last meeting, Kerry Brownfield came and explained that all of their deductibles have gone up. That means the renewal premium has gone up. There was discussion about insurance.

Michael Mark made a motion to approve \$90,000.00 Commissioners' Additional Request for Insurance, second by Matthew Gibson. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

E911

Additional

\$18,000.00

1000.15700.00

Michael Mark made a motion to approve \$18,000.00 E911 Additional Request for overtime, second by Robert Churchill. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Transfer

\$8,000.00

1000.17802.903

1000.14301.903

This is to cover the payouts for an employee who recently retired.

Michael Mark made a motion to approve the transfer as request out of County General Part Time Communications 911, second by Robert Churchill. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Town of Morocco

Bob Gonczy, Town President for the Town of Morocco, came to Council to discuss a Letter of Commitment for a Community Crossings Grant. They need a 25% match. There was discussion about county roads vs town roads. There was discussion about budgets and when the money would be needed.

Matthew Gibson made a motion that Newton County Council commit to funding up to 25% of the funds needed for the Morocco Grant and to create a line item in the 2025 Budget for that amount of money not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the Community Crossings Grant, second by Tom VanVleet. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

EMS

Jeremy Kalizae came to Council to discuss that the ambulance that was budgeted this year won't be delivered until next year. There is money in the 2024 budget that won't be spent until next year. Council President, Scott Carlson, said that needs to be taken care of during budget time. Jeremy also inquired if Council was ok with him starting the bidding process for a 2026 ambulance.

Auditor

Auditor James discussed with Council IGT funds. She shared with Council a spreadsheet showing how much money is received and paid out quarterly. There was discussion on this money and funds and what it can be used for.

Tom VanVleet made a motion to move the monies as indicated on the document Tami James provided in reference to the George Ade Health Care Accounts, second by Robert Churchill. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Attorney

Attorney Linda Harris inquired of Council if a time had been determined for the August 7, 2024 Special Meeting. Baker Tilly cannot attend Council's regular scheduled meeting. It was determined that August 7, 2024 at 8:30 am.

Economic Development

Tim Myers could not be at the meeting. He did update some Council members.

GT Sports

GT Sports still does not have a contract with Fair Oaks. They also do not know how the State is going to divide out the \$45 million grant money. There was discussion on this topic.

Health Link

Health Link, a medical practice, will have a motorhome and start coming to the county. They will start seeing patients in Morocco at Community Services Center in August if things continue to go well.


Surf Internet

This project is moving along. Phase 1 is near completion. There was continued discussion on the broadband project.


Fairgrounds Sewer Project

Auditor James updated on money spent on the Fairgrounds Project. What we originally approved, \$500,000.00, is what we have paid out and there has been 1 Additional of \$100,000.00. There is only approximately \$53,000.00 left. These amounts also include money we had to spend on pumping. There was discussion on all of the issues that this project has had.


Matthew Gibson made a motion to adjourn, second by Robert Churchill. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.


Scott Carlson, President

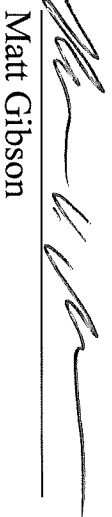

David Atkinson, Vice President


Tom VanVleet

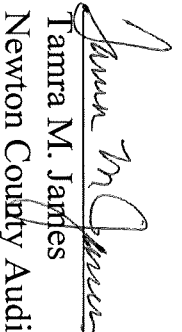

Michael Mark


Robert Churchill


Mick Vanderwall


Matt Gibson

Attest:


Tamra M. James
Newton County Auditor

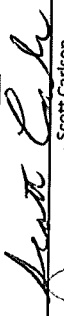
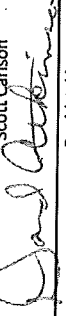

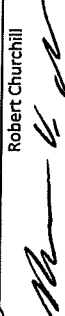



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**Budget for 2024
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more than was appropriated in the annual budget;
NOW THEREFORE:
SECTION 1. BE it ordained by the Newton County Council, Newton County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

NAME OF FUND	DEPARTMENT	APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	SCOTT CARLSON	DAVID ATKINSON	ROB CHURCHILL	MATT GIBSON	MICHAEL MARK	MICK VANDERWALL	TOM VANVLEET
1000 Co General	005 Sheriff	33600 Equipment Repair	25,000.00	25,000.00					M		
1000 Co General	068 Commissioners	32500 Insurance	90,000.00	90,000.00				ZAD	M	ZAD	
1000 Co General	903 E911	15700 Overtime	18,000.00	18,000.00			ZAD		M		
Total Co General			133,000.00	133,000.00							
4905 Landfill	005 Sheriff	33600 Equipment Repair	25,000.00	25,000.00					M	ZAD	
Total #REF!			25,000.00	25,000.00							
Grand Total			158,000.00	158,000.00							

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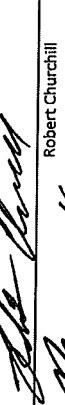




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ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS

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:

FUND	DEPARTMENT	REQUESTED	ALLOWED	SCOTT CARLSON	DAVID ATKINSON	ROB CHURCHILL	MATT GIBSON	MICHAEL MARK	MICK VANDERWALL	TOM VANVLEET
FROM 1000 Co General	903 E911	17802 Part Time Communication	(8,000.00)							
TO 1000 Co General	903 E911	14301 Communications	8,000.00			ZAD	ZAD	M	M	

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