

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 Thursday February 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Betsy Mills, Chad Malicoat, Peggy Stefandel, Susan Huhn, Harold Griffin, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor, and County Attorney Joel Harvey, Kenon Gray was in attendance via Zoom. Clay Morgan was not in attendance.

The meeting was open with a Prayer and the Pledge.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Chad Malicoat to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried 5/1, Kenon Gray abstained.

Corey Murphy gave an update on the EDC.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Kenon Gray to approve the following additional appropriations for Cum Bridge:

1135-4000.11 Large Culvert	\$ 20,000.00
1135-4000.08 Bridge Maintenance	\$370,000.00
1135-4000.09 Bridge Inspection	\$118,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Kenon Gray to **deny** the request for an additional appropriation from the MVH Restricted fund for \$300,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Kenon Gray to approve the additional appropriation for LOHUT 6020-534-4000.10, General Repair in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Kenon Gray to approve the additional appropriation for Local Road & Street 1169-523-3000.82, Road Maintenance in the amount of \$400,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion as made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Harold Griffin to approve the additional appropriation for LIT 1170-212-3000.05 Housing of Inmates in the amount of \$100,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harold Griffin and seconded by Chad Malicoat to approve the additional appropriation for County General 1000-002-1000.03 Clerk in the amount of \$30,529.00. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Peggy Stefandel and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the additional appropriation for County General 1000-061-1000.06 Employee Benefits in the amount of \$131,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Peggy Stefandel and seconded by Kenon Gray to approve the following transfers:

\$30,000.00 from Cum Bridge 1135-542-3000.01 to 1135-542-4000.11
\$200.00 from Extension office 1000-011-3000.02 to 1000-011-1000.06

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Harold Griffin to approve Resolution2021-02-25-03. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02-25-03

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCIL
OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA EXPRESSING SUPPORT
FOR LOCAL CONTROL OF LAND USE DECISIONS**

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana consists of diverse communities, each with its own needs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, across the State of Indiana, Counties have created and implemented plans for development that provide the type of new investment and additional employment that is desired by the citizens of the County, and in many instances the desired development has included wind or solar projects; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Council believes that decisions regarding wind and solar development are best made by the citizens living in the community, rather than by the wind and solar industry or State officials who live outside the community; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1381 is currently pending in the Indiana General Assembly, and if enacted, such legislation would disenfranchise the citizens of the ability to determine the conditions under which wind energy and solar energy projects would be allowed in their County; and

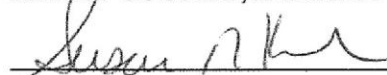
WHEREAS, under House Bill 1381, communities would be compelled to allow wind and solar projects under conditions dictated by others living outside the community; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Council desires to express its opposition to House Bill 1381 and express its support for the rights of individuals and families living in a community to direct their own future through land use decisions.

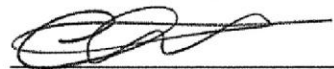
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, that the Council expresses its opposition to House Bill 1381 and any other legislation that disenfranchises local citizens of the right to make local planning decisions and direct the future of their own communities.

Adopted this 25 day of February, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL
HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA

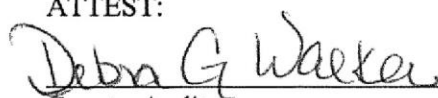


Council President



Council Vice President

ATTEST:



County Auditor

Stacey Guffey gave an update on the Coroner's office.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to change the hiring policy, if a position is already in the budget and the salary or classification does not change the office holder/department head can fill that position without going to the Job Classification Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Harold Griffin to appoint Scott Hayes to the RDC Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Peggy Stefandel to appoint Kelly Myers to the Middletown Fall Creek Township Library Board. Motion carried 4/1, Betsy Mills voting no, Kenon Gray abstaining.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Kenon Gray to allow the New Castle Public Library Board to encumber \$64,753.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Peggy Stefandel to accept the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Betsy Mills and seconded by Kenon Gray to allocate \$10,000.00 from the LIT fund to the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a used Tanker truck. Also, to allow the Council President to execute an interlocal agreement with Kennard Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenon Gray gave an update on the County Employee Insurance.

Kristopher Bilbrey expressed some concerns that he had.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Huhn, President

Harold Griffin, Vice President

Kenon Gray

Chad Malicoat

Peggy Stefandel

Clay Morgan

Betsy Mills

ATTESTED:

Debra G. Walker, Henry County Auditor