



CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
Regular Meeting of October 20, 2025

Roll call showed members present and absent as follows:

Present:

Councilperson Williams-Hampton
Councilperson Grooms
Councilperson Lenfert
Councilperson Doherty
Councilperson Fox
Councilperson Snelling Jr.
Councilperson Blevins

Absent:

1. Open Meeting-

Councilperson Lenfert opened the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting at 6:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Those in attendance remained standing for the invocation.

4. Proof of Publication

Council Attorney Max McCrite confirmed proof of publication.

5. New Business

a. 2026 Clark County Budget Adoption

Ordinance 31-2025

Councilperson Lenfert stated that the Baker Tilly report the council received several months ago estimated the 2026 budget at over \$39 million for County General. The budget that is in front of the council tonight is under \$39 million. A couple of significant changes from the 2025 adopted budget to this budget include: 2025 was not an election year, therefore the budget had to go up \$340,000 to account for this; there was a \$320,000 increase in the sheriff pension contribution; there was an additional \$60,000 needed for autopsies; and two additional deputy prosecutors in the Prosecutors Office.

Moved By Councilperson Fox

Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Motion to approve Ordinance 31-2025, adopting the 2026 Clark County as presented.

Carried (7 to 0)

b. Reports & Comments

Sheriff Scottie Maples whether the jail lost two corrections officers in their budget. Councilperson Lenfert confirmed that the budget was reduced by the amount of those salaries. Sheriff Maples asked if any other departments lost employees. Councilperson Lenfert stated that probation lost one position. Sheriff Scottie Maples stated that there appeared to be a \$40,000 discrepancy in contract services. Councilperson Lenfert stated that they did not cut any additional contracts from the last subtotal, several weeks ago. Sheriff Maples asked for the council's general opinion on why two corrections officers' positions would be eliminated when they are the ones housing the ICE inmates, which generates revenue. Councilperson Lenfert stated that it is rare that corrections is fully staffed. Sheriff Scottie Maples stated that they are usually filled within a week and there are only two open positions currently.

Councilperson Lenfert stated that the council's intention is to recognize the work that the corrections officers are doing with the ICE inmates with a one-time bonus next year on top of the 2% raise. This will be significantly more compensation than the rest of county government will receive. Sheriff Maples stated that he cannot understand the rationale of losing two corrections officers when the jail is taking on 90 extra inmates that they are not required to do. Councilperson Lenfert stated that the salary ordinance was not adopted. Those two positions can still be included in the salary ordinance. Sheriff Maples stated that it feels uneasy that his department had two positions cut. Diane Shahrودي explained that the jail just added 20 more ICE inmates, but this reduces the staff that takes care of them. This seems very scary to do. The jail will need that help. Sheriff Maples said that other than hearing about this

from his secretary on Friday, this is the first time he has heard about it. There was no discussion between him and the council.

6. Adjournment

Moved By Councilperson Doherty

Seconded By Councilperson Fox

Motion to adjourn

Carried (7 to 0)

Members of the Clark County Council

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Brian Terfent
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Christopher A. Voss
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Ronald Green

Attest: [Signature]

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 10th day of November, 2025.