



CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
Regular Meeting of February 09, 2026

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 Fox 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. Approval of Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

Motion to approve meeting minutes as listed above.

Carried (7 to 0)

6. Agenda Amendments and Approval

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

7. Acknowledge Receipt of Funds Report

The council acknowledged the receipt of the funds report.

8. Public Comment by Sign-In Sheet, 3 Minute Limit

Kerri Vaughn, of Charlestown, is a farm owner in Clark County. She discussed solar leading to long term fiscal stability. She provided data from Randolph County showing how funds are being used that were received due to economic development related to solar. Lease payments allow families to keep farmland in their family. She offered to set up an information session with individuals who have firsthand experience with solar in other counties. She encouraged the council to appoint a BZA member who evaluates matters based on the record, the facts, and compliance with county regulations.

9. New Business

a. Clark County Commissioners

a.a Request for additional appropriations in Clark County Cum Capital

1138-40171-030 Crone/Blue Lick Road \$375,000.00

This is for the study and the construction of the traffic signal at Crone and Blue Lick Road. The \$375,000 that they are requesting be appropriated was received as a result from a Memorandum of Understanding with a company who is developing a Speedway/7-11 convenience store in this area.

Moved By Councilperson Doherty

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriations in Clark County Cum Capital as requested.

Abstain (1):

Councilperson Lenfert

Carried (6 to 0)

b. Clark County Sheriff, Scottie Maples

b.a Request for additional appropriations in Sheriff's Pension Trust

1193-11186-005 Police Pension \$34,007.00

Diane Shahroudi, with the Sheriff's Office asked for this to be tabled until the next meeting.

Moved By Councilperson Doherty

Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Motion to table the Request for additional appropriations in Sheriff's Pension Trust as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

c. Clark County Public Defender, Vicki Carmichael

Councilperson Lenfert stated that he would like to review this further because it is not the council's position to add additional Contract PD's.

Councilperson Fox requested a revised breakdown of Contract Services.

Councilperson Fox asked if there could be a collaboration with the Prosecutor's Office on the Case Management system that is included within the request for additional appropriations under Subscriptions and Publications. Currently the Public Defender's Office uses a system through the state. The software they are looking to use would expand those services. The case management system may not be able to be shared with the Prosecutor.

Councilperson Grooms asked for more specifics on what the additional appropriations would cover. Vicki Carmichael detailed these expenses.

Councilperson Fox asked how much money was requested and approved in the 2026 budget for Contract Services. The Auditor's office confirmed that \$643,750 was requested and \$505,000 was approved.

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Motion to table all of the requests listed under Clark County Public Defender, Vicki Carmichael as requested, except the request for additional appropriations for Equipment--approving that.

Carried (7 to 0)

c.a Request for additional appropriations in County General

1000-11107-040 Personal Services \$10,200.00

1000-11171-040 FICA/Medicare \$780.00

1000-11176-040 PERF \$1,295.40

This is to raise the public defender's who handle a higher level of cases to a higher salary.

c.b Request for a salary ordinance amendment in County General

Raises effective 2/9/2026

1000-040 Deputy Public Defender \$102,000.00

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The current salary for these positions is \$96,500.00

c.c Request for additional appropriations in SPDSF

4906-40014-040 Equipment \$5,000.00

4906-20067-040 Subscriptions and Publications \$30,000.00

4906-11107-040 Personal Services \$242,097.00

4906-11171-040 FICA/Medicare \$18,520.42

4906-11176-040 PERF \$30,746.32

4906-11173-040 Group Insurance \$15,000.00

4906-30051-040 Contract Services \$140,000.00

The equipment will cover tablets for Public Defenders.

The request for Subscriptions and Publications is for a new case management

system that has AI capabilities.

The requests related to Personal Services are two pay two attorneys who were not included in the original budget. This also includes funds for an administrative assistant.

The request for contract services is for contract public defenders as there was not sufficient appropriations allocated for this.

c.d Request for a salary ordinance amendment in SPDSF

New Position effective 2/9/2025

4906-040 Administrative Assistant \$43,197.00

d. Community Corrections, Galadriel Ballard

Galadriel Ballard read her letter to the council explaining that an error was made in regard's to a staff member being paid from the grant fund instead of project income in 2025. She is requesting a retroactive salary ordinance and retroactive appropriations to ensure that this is correct in 2025.

The third request is the salary ordinance for a staff member who received their master's degree. The appropriations for this was approved at the January meeting.

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Grooms

Motion to approve all requests listed under Community Corrections, Galadriel Ballard as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

**d.a Request for a salary ordinance amendment in Community Corrections
Program2 Retroactive to 2025**

9106-090 Intake Coordinator \$50,668.79

Change of Fund Retroactive to 1/31/2025

d.b Request for additional appropriations in Community Corrections

Program2 retroactive to 2025

9106-11107-090 Personal Services \$33,241.17

9106-11171-090 FICA/Medicare \$2,037.01

9106-11176-090 PERF \$4,221.50

d.c Request for a salary ordinance amendment in Comm Corr Project Income

Raise for Master's Degree (Main portion of pay is out of 9102)

1122-090, MAST Coordinator/Probation Officer, \$3,021.00, Effective 1/1/2026

e. Clark County Courts, Lisa Reger, Adrian Anderson, Tom Lowe, and Josh Seybold

Moved By Councilperson Lenfert

Seconded By Councilperson Blevins

Motion to approve all requests listed under Clark County Courts, Adrian Anderson and Tom Lowe as detailed below.

Carried (7 to 0)

e.a Request for additional appropriations in Opioid Restricted Funds

Clark County Problem Solving Courts

1237-11107-302 Personal Services \$42,311.00

1237-11171-302 FICA/Medicare \$3,236.79

1237-11173-302 Group Insurance \$15,000.00

1237-11176-302 PERF \$5,343.50

Family Recovery Court

1237-30051-503-302 Contract Services \$70,000.00

The request for the Clark County Problem Solving Courts will fund an assessment officer for the Problem Solving Courts.

The request for Family Recovery Court will fund Celebrating Families. This is an evidence based 15 week program for families in Family Recovery Court, ran by Family Ark.

e.b Request for additional appropriations in Court Reform Grant

9166-20060-302 Supplies \$225.00

9166-40014-302 Equipment \$3,850.00

This is a new grant for updated technology in the court rooms for the courts including a TV, TV cart, soundbars, and ADA hearing devices and accessories.

e.c Request for additional appropriations in Court Reform Grant-Circuit 4

9167-20060-302 Supplies \$1,000.00

9167-40014-302 Equipment \$14,000.00

This is a second new grant for updated technology in Circuit Court 4 including new televisions, iPads for jurors, AI translation earbuds and related technology and accessories.

e.d Request for additional appropriations in 93.243 CCFTDC Brdg to Success

8160-11173-302 Group Insurance \$49,500.00

The current amount budgeted for Group Insurance in this grant will not cover the employee's benefits for the year.

f. Clark County Prosecutor's Office, Sunshine Fox

f.a Request for a salary ordinance amendment in County General

2% Raise, 1000-008 Deputy Prosecutor \$107,100, Effective 1/1/2026

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The two salary ordinances listed below were not given a 2% raise, so the Prosecutor's Office is requesting this be amended.

This item is included in the motion below.

10. Old Business

a. Clark County Prosecutor's Office, Sunshine Fox

a.a Request for additional appropriation in 16.575 ICJG Victim Asst/Pros#1

8107-11107-008 Personal Services \$3,465.00

8107-11171-008 FICA/Medicare \$266.00

8107-11176-008 PERF \$441.00

This additional appropriation is for a PTO payout and it was requested and approved in December out of County General, however this was the incorrect fund.

Moved By Councilperson Grooms

Seconded By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Motion to approve the Request for additional appropriation in 16.575 ICJG Victim Asst/Pros#1 as requested and to approve the Request the request for a salary ordinance amendment in County General under Item f.a.

Carried (7 to 0)

11. Reports and Comments

a. Council

Councilperson Grooms asked for detailed support for requests. Councilperson Fox requested that the Auditor's Office send a reminder email.

a.a 2026 Council Attorney Contract

Attorney Max McCrite presented his contract for the council's consideration. The terms are the same as they were last year.

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Teah Williams-Hampton

Motion to approve the 2026 Council Attorney Contract as requested.

Carried (7 to 0)

a.b Addressing clerical error on the petition to appeal for an increase above the maximum levy for Charlestown Fire District at the October 14, 2025 Council meeting.

Councilperson Fox stated that there was a clerical error on the petition to appeal for an increase above the maximum levy for Charlestown Fire District approved at the October 14, 2025 Council Meeting. The petition was approved unanimously by the council, however Councilperson Grooms signed the document twice and Councilperson Fox did not sign it at all.

b. Attorney

None.

c. Auditor

None.

12. Adjournment

Moved By Councilperson Snelling Jr.

Seconded By Councilperson Doherty

Motion to adjourn.

Carried (7 to 0)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THOSE FUNDS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 4-2026

WHEREAS, certain extraordinary conditions have developed since the adoption of the existing annual budget so that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget.

Section I. BE IT ORDAINED by the Clark County Council of Clark County, Indiana that for expenses of Clark County government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2026, the following sums of money are herein specified subject to the law governing the same, such sum herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures provided by law.

Section II. THAT for the fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the various funds herein for the following specified amounts to meet such extraordinary emergencies which are declared to exist.

Fund	Acct.	Obj.	Loc.	Acct. Desc.	Allowed	Vote
Clark County Cum Capital						
1138	40171	0000	030	Crone/Blue Lick Road	\$375,000.00	6-0-1
Community Corrections Program2						
9106	11107	0000	090	Personal Services	\$33,241.17	7-0
	11171	0000	090	FICA / Medicare	\$2,037.01	7-0
	11176	0000	090	PERF	\$4,221.50	7-0
Opioid Restricted Funds						
1237	11107	0000	302	Personal Services	\$42,311.00	7-0
	11171	0000	302	FICA / Medicare	\$3,236.79	7-0
	11173	0000	302	Group Insurance	\$15,000.00	7-0
	11176	0000	302	PERF	\$5,373.50	7-0
	30051	0000	302	Contract Services	\$70,000.00	7-0
SPDSF						
4906	40014	0000	040	Equipment	\$5,000.00	7-0
93.243 CCFTDC Brdg to Success						
8160	11173	0000	302	Group Insurance	\$49,500.00	7-0
16.575 ICJG Victim Asst/Pros#1						
8107	11107	0000	008	Personal Services	\$3,465.00	7-0
	11171	0000	008	FICA / Medicare	\$266.00	7-0
	11176	0000	008	PERF	\$441.00	7-0
Court Reform Grant						
9166	20060	0000	302	Supplies	\$225.00	7-0
	40014	0000	302	Equipment	\$3,850.00	7-0
Court Reform Grant-Circuit 4						
9167	20060	0000	302	Supplies	\$1,000.00	7-0
	40014	0000	302	Equipment	\$14,000.00	7-0
Grand Total						

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING SALARY AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026
AMENDMENT NO. 2

Fund Name	Title of Position	Salary Ordinance Amendment Type	Fund	Loc.	Allowed	Vote	Effective Date
County General	Deputy Prosecutor	2% Raise	1000	008	\$107,100.00	7-0	1/1/2026
Comm Corr Project Income	MAST Coordinator/Probation Officer	Raise for Masters Degree	1122	090	\$3,021.00	7-0	1/1/2026

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025
AMENDMENT NO. 12

Fund Name	Title of Position	Salary Ordinance Amendment Type	Fund	Loc.	Allowed	Vote	Effective Date
Community Corrections Program2	Intake Coordinator	Changing Fund Retroactive for 2025	9106	090	\$50,668.79	7-0	1/31/2025

Members of the Clark County Council

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NAYS

Brian Jorjoff
Steve Doherty
Ken B. [unclear]
Jack Wilho
Clayton A. Dap
[unclear]
Ken Boon
Attest: Danny Yost

Danny Yost - Clark County Auditor

Approved this 9th day of March, 2026.