

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 May 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Kenon Gray, Chad Malicoat, Michael Regner, Bobbi Plummer, Shannon Thom, Scott Koontz, Bobbie York and Heather Baker from Auditor's Office and Joel Harvey, County Attorney. Jay Davis was not in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge led by Scott Koontz and a Prayer led by Kenon Gray.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Shannon Thom to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Shenandoah FFA Ag Issues team presented to the Council: Can Americans afford to Eat Healthy? Team members are Kylee Purcell, Kaylen Lynch, AJ Cooper, Gabbi Patrick, Clara Mingle, Kylee Lutes, and Maddie Reidner.

Corey Murphy gave an EDC update. He reviewed with the Council the RDC's 2024 report regarding each of the tax increment financing districts created by the Redevelopment Commission. Bobbi Plummer, seconded by Mike Regner, moved that Corey Murphy review the Redevelopment Commission annual report. The motion carried unanimously.

Corey Murphy discussed the REDI 1 Grant - \$190,000 was allocated to the YMCA to expand their facility for before and after childcare. That money has been withdrawn from the project by the region because of concerns with the construction schedule. They are trying to keep the money in the county, and the region is supportive of this. The committee would like to put the \$190,000 on the housing project on County Road 200 N and State Road 3 for infrastructure. This will help with the gap in revenues they will receive because of Senate Bill 1. Corey will ask the RDC to donate another \$61,000 to help with the gap. The bonds need to be closed on or before July 4th. There will be 65 homes, and the builder is Hallmark Homes. The average price point for these homes is \$280,000.

READI 2 is going to see the same challenge with the housing projects. There is no new information on READI 2.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Kenon Gray to approve the following Additional Appropriations:

Henry County Highway Department 1135 Cum Bridge \$256,880; Henry County Highway Department 1173 MVH \$142,327; Henry County Health Department 1161 a\$52,931.
Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shannon Thom and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to approve the following Abatement Compliance Reports:

Frank Brunckhorst, Co., LLC – Personal Property; Boar's Head Provisions – Personal Property; Boar's Head Provisions – Real Estate Improvements; Boar's Head Provisions – Real Estate Improvements; Boar's Head Provisions – Structures in Economic Revitalization Area; Boar's Head Provisions – Personal Property; Boar's Head Provisions – Personal Property; Frank Brunckhorst Co., LLC – Personal Property.
Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kenon Gray and seconded by Scott Koontz to appoint Bill Upchurch to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Mike Regner to approve the transfer of \$2,448.00 in the Treasurer's Technology fund from unappropriated to part-time. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer made a motion and was seconded by Shannon to approve the Opioid expenditure of \$36,000 to the Women's Recovery Center to assist with the cost of treatment services. Motion carried 5/1, Scott Koontz abstained.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Scott Koontz to approve the Opioid expenditure of \$65,000 to Hope Initiative, Inc., as the fiscal agent for Hagar's Hope, to renovate the Williams Property for use as a facility to assist persons suffering from substance abuse disorder. Motion carried 5/1, Kenon Gray abstained.

Shannon Thom stated that he sent an email to all council members and department heads the WIS salary analysis.

Chad Malicoat has spoken with Baker Tilley, and they are currently working on the County Comprehensive Plan, and could be July before they have it done.

The County Council District meeting will be held on June 21, 2025.

Cory Murphey would like to meet with the Abatement committee to discuss SB1 and the effects it will have before the next project starts.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Mike Regner to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



Chad Malicoat, President



Bobbi Plummer

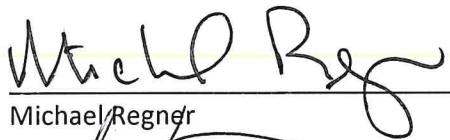
Shannon Thom



Jay Davis



Kenon Gray



Michael Regner



Scott Koontz

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debra G. Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor

