

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met at the Henry County Sheriff's Conference Room, in New Castle, Indiana, on August 13, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Jay Davis, Bobbi Plummer, Shannon Thom, Scott Koontz, and Joel Harvey, County Attorney. Chad Malicoat attended via Zoom, and Michael Regner was not in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge led by Shannon Thom and a Prayer given by Kenon Gray.

A public hearing was held regarding the 2026 proposed budget. The first budget considered was the County General Budget, followed by the Solid Waste Management Budget. No members of the public spoke. A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Scott Koontz to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Scott Koontz to approve the July 9th Council Meeting and July 28th tax council and special EMS LIT meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Murphey provided an update on READI 1 and READI 2. He recommended forming a Leadership Group to assist with recommendations regarding these funds, particularly if reallocations are necessary, and requested a representative from the Council. Shannon Thom asked if Kenon Gray was willing to continue serving in this role. Kenon suggested tabling the matter. A motion was made by Scott Koontz and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to approve the transfer of \$1,000 for Circuit Court from copier rental to office supplies. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kenon Gray and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to approve the sick time payout for Renee Grim for \$16,115. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jay Davis and seconded by Scott Koontz to approve the sick time payout to Captain Nate Kovacs for \$26,214.40. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kenon Gray and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to accept the 2026 estimated max levy report. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Scott Koontz to approve the Sheriff's Equipment Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Jay Davis to approve Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Revenue (Abatement Share-Unrestricted) Received from the Settlement of Claims Against Opioid Manufacturers and Distributors. Motion carried 4/2. Kenon Gray and Scott Koontz abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08-13 (11)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE
(UNRESTRICTED SHARE) RECEIVED FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS
AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS**

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana has entered into settlements with several pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmaceutical distributors, and other parties, arising from the marketing, sale and distribution of opioids (“Settlements”); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds received from the Settlements have been and will be distributed to local government entities, including Henry County; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenue received by local governments from the Settlements may only be used for specified purposes in support of the reduction of opioid and substance use disorder (“Restricted Uses” with other amounts received from the Settlements being available for general government purposes (“Unrestricted Uses”); and

WHEREAS, several previous expenditures that have been approved were classified as “Restricted Uses” uses of the funds and should have been classified as “Unrestricted Uses.”

WHEREAS, Henry County wishes to correct the classification of several expenditures of Settlement Funds that were previously approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The following expenditures shall be classified as Unrestricted Use of the Settlements from Opioid Fund 1238-Unrestricted:

1. The sum of up to One Hundred Ten Thousand one hundred sixty-five Dollars and sixty-five cents (\$110,165.65) to assist Hope Initiative, Inc., in the acquisition of a property in Henry County to be used for transition housing for females who have completed the JCAP program and have been released from custody, for the renovation of the property for us as transition housing and for the staffing and operation of the property.
2. The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the cost of travel, lodging and attendance of Health Department staff members and local students at the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA)’s National Leadership Forum in February 2025.
3. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for operating expenses of the Henry County Live Coalition.
4. The sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) is hereby allocated to pay for the cost of training for the crisis intervention team coordinator training for the Assistant Chief of the New Castle Police Department.


5. The sum of up to One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Ninety-one cents (\$1,751.91) to assist Henry County Lightkeepers, Inc., in the development of a resource center to provide assistance to the community including those suffering from or at risk of suffering from substance use disorder.
6. The sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) is hereby allocated to assist with the cost of Vivitrol for treatment of persons with substance us disorder.
7. The sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) to Hagar's Hope, Inc., to renovate the Williams Property for use as a facility to assist persons suffering from substance abuse disorder. (Note: This expenditure was originally approved to Hope Initiative, Inc. to act as the fiscal agent for Hagar's Hope, Inc. Hagar's Hope, Inc., has now been approved as a tax-exempt organization so funds can be spent directly on its behalf for the project described above).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

REPEALER: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: Any provision herein contained which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or which by operation of law shall be deemed unenforceable, shall be omitted but the rest and remainder of this resolution, to the extent feasible, shall remain in full force and effect.


ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENRY COUNTY,
INDIANA THIS 13th DAY OF August, 2025.







ATTEST:



County Auditor *By*

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 13 DAY OF August, 2025.

President
Kenon Gray

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[Signature]

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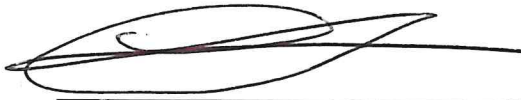
Debra G Walker By
Debra G. Walker, County Auditor

A motion was made by Kenon Gray and seconded by Scott Koontz to approve the sick time payout to Deloris Vincent for \$6,816.71. Motion carried unanimously.

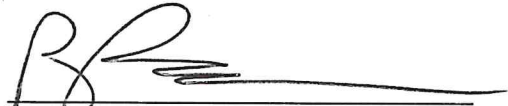
The Sheriff's Department requested approval to change the trustee for the Sheriff's Retirement Fund. The account had been held at Citizens State Bank, which was later sold to Greenfield Banking Company. Greenfield has not filed the necessary paperwork to update the trustee. The Sheriff's Department intends to change trustees after January 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Jay Davis and seconded by Kenon Gray to approve the documents for Council President Chad Malicoat to sign, pending review by Joel Harvey. The motion carried unanimously.

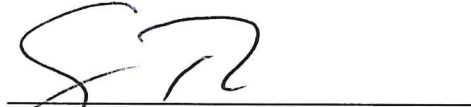
A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer to adjourn.



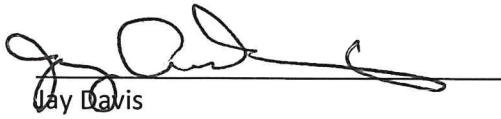
Chad Malicoat, President



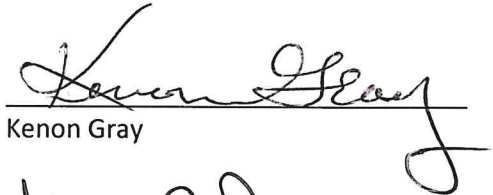
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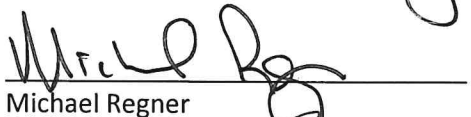
Shannon Thom



Jay Davis



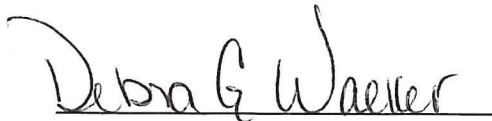
Kenon Gray



Michael Regner



Scott Koontz



Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor

