MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

BE REMEMBERED: That on Monday, April 13, 2026, the Marshall County Council met at a public meeting at the Marshall County Building, Room 203, 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana, at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to the call of President Tim Harman. The board members present were President Tim Harman, Vice President Nicole Cox, James Masterson, Deborah Johnson, Will Patterson, Brandon Schadek, and Greg Compton; Council Attorney Marcel Lebbin; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier.

The meeting streamed live at http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN, Rob Keck gave the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, and noting a quorum was present, the business at hand was heard.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The attendees did not have public input on agenda items.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Regional Sewer District: Attorney Marcel Lebbin reported that he received the sewer district insurance reimbursement check and delivered it to the Auditor.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: The members did not hold a subcommittee meeting. President Harman provided the board with Cash Balances of Key Funds: General, Rainy Day, LIT Special Purpose, Statewide 911, Central Dispatch, Local Road & Street, MVH Restricted, and MVH.

Highway: The members held a subcommittee meeting on April 2nd. Highway Superintendent Peters will provide an update later in the meeting.

Job Classification & Compensation: The members did not hold a subcommittee meeting. Vice President Cox reported that a meeting will be held later this month to review the requests.

MARSHALL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation President/CEO Greg Hildebrand provided a copy of the 2025 Annual Report. He highlighted the capital investment, Indiana ranking third in advanced manufacturing, the reduction in grant funding, upcoming events, the demand for electricity and the impact Chesco Energy would have coming to Marshall County.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Department Superintendent Jason Peters provided an update on the following topics:

CCMG 2026-2: Three bids for Community Crossings were received at the April 6th Commissioner meeting and taken under advisement. The Commissioners may award the project at their next meeting. The State match is 80% up to $1 million and the County share would be 20% up to $250,000.

Transfer Requests: Superintendent Peters submitted two transfer requests for consideration at the May Council meeting. He requested support of $51,000 from MVH Bituminous into MVH Highway Equipment for the purchase of an emulsion tank and $20,000 from MVH Restricted Wages-Area Leaders into Wages-Overtime. The members discussed overtime and alleviating costs. **Tim Harman moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to support the transfer requests as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Equipment Purchase: Superintendent Peters stated that three estimates were received from Republic First National for equipment. The members discussed funding the purchase from the Cum Cap Development and Cum Bridge funds.

Budget Update: Superintendent Peters explained that there are structural funding issues with MVH and the MVH Restricted funds. Currently, the State distribution payment is divided equally between both funds, but that does not reflect how the Highway Department performs work. He further explained that without additional funding or flexibility, it is not sustainable to maintain both daily operations and long term infrastructure needs.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Ordinance 2026-1(4) Additional Appropriations**:** The Auditor posted the Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation on Gateway, the county website, and bulletin boards on March 18, 2026.

LIT Special Purpose (1114): **Nicole Cox moved, second by James Masterson, to approve the additional appropriation request of $420,000 into Software Maintenance. Motion carried 7-0.**

Community Corrections Project Income (1122-009): **Will Patterson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the additional appropriation request of $38,612 into Wages-Criminal Justice Officer; $600 into Wages-Longevity; $4,324.60 into Employer PERF; and $2,960 into Employer Social Security. Motion carried 7-0.**

Cum Cap Development (1138): **James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of $132,845 into Software Maintenance. Motion carried 7-0.**

Local Public Health (1161-002): **Greg Compton moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of $21,892.50 into Machinery & Equipment and $1,788 into Professional Services. Motion carried 7-0.**

CASA(1213): **James Masterson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the additional appropriation request of $3,119 into Capacity Building Grant Services. Motion carried 7-0.**

Marshall County Police Equipment (4011): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of $10,000 into Machinery & Equipment. Motion carried 7-0.**

IOCS Problem-Solving Court (9015): **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of $109.50 into Program Supplies; $222.77 into Graduation Supplies; and $1,011.25 into Drug Testing Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.**

IOCS Family Court Program (9019): **James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the additional appropriation request of $20,000 into Mediation Services. Motion carried 7-0.**

Minutes of March 9, 2026: **Brandon Schadek moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the meeting minutes of March 9, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Lebbin Law Invoice: **Brandon Schadek moved, second by James Masterson, to approve the submission of Lebbin Law invoice #1984 in the amount of $600. Motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC INPUT

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation President/CEO Greg Hildebrand clarified the Chesco Energy tax liability provided earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Council, **the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. upon motion by Deborah Johnson, second by Greg Compton. Motion carried 7-0.**

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Tim Harman, President

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Will Patterson

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Nicole Cox, Vice President

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Brandon Schadek

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James Masterson

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Greg Compton

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Deborah Johnson

Attest:

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Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor