MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

BE REMEMBERED: That on Monday, March 9, 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, the Invocation was given by Rob Keck, 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

Marshall County Regional Sewer District: Attorney Marcel Lebbin reported that the County has not yet received the insurance reimbursement check for attorney fees.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: The subcommittee members held a meeting, topics discussed included dedicated funds, fund statutory requirements, and supplement vs. supplant. President Harman reported that he has met with Financial Advisor Steve Dalton to discuss the implications of House Bill 1210. He further reported that at the low point, prior to the spring settlement, the estimated balance of the General Fund balance is between $6 and $6.5 million, and the county is in good financial condition.

Highway: The subcommittee members held a meeting, topics discussed included replacing radios with cell phones, vehicle purchases, refurbishing tandem trucks, and revising job descriptions.

Job Classification & Compensation: The subcommittee members held a meeting to review seven requests, which included the Extension Office Secretary, Sheriff's Department Communication Supervisor, Probation Department Counselor and Probation Officer, EMA Deputy Director, Health Department School Liaison, and Community Corrections Criminal Justice Intake Officer. The county received notice from the Indiana Office of Court Services that the Pretrial Grant will be terminating effective March 31st. This grant funds two employees' wages so there are two ordinances for consideration.

Ordinance 2026-9(1): An Addendum to Ordinance 2025-29B Adopting County of Marshall, Indiana Job Descriptions: The job description for Community Corrections, Criminal Justice Intake Officer has been updated. **Brandon Schadek moved, second by James Masterson, to approve Ordinance 2026-9(1): An Addendum to Ordinance 2025-29B Adopting County of Marshall, Indiana Job Descriptions, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Ordinance 2026-6(1): Amending Salary Ordinance 2025-30: Amending the salary ordinance as follows:

SECTION: MARSHALL COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

FUND 1000-273 PROBATION DEPT		**Status**	**Category**	**FLSA Status**	**Rate**		**Hours**	**Gen Fund**
1	Probation Officer (EO)	FT	SO	Non-exempt	$32.13	per hour	1890	$60,725.70
FUND 9013-007 IOCS Pre-Trial Grant Fund								
0	Probation Officer - PreTrial (EO)	FT	SO	Non-exempt	$32.13	per hour	1890	$60,725.70
0	Criminal Justice Intake Officer	FT	PAT1	Non-exempt	$27.58	per hour	1890	$52,126.20

Probation Officer wages are established according to IC 36-2-16.5.

SECTION: MARSHALL COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

FUND 1122-009 COMM CORR PROJECT INCOME

1	Criminal Justice Intake Officer	FT	PAT1	Non-exempt	$27.58	per hour	1890	$52,126.20

Brandon Schadek moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve Ordinance 2026-6(1): Amending Salary Ordinance 2025-30, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

MUSEUM

Museum Executive Director Sandy Garrison and Marshall County Historical Society Board President Mike Miley presented the quarterly report. They presented the Board with a copy of the Crossroads newsletters, Historical Society Board of Trustee minutes, and PowerPoint presentation. They highlighted the number of visitors, volunteer hours, events, and activities.

MARSHALL COUNTY JUDICIAL

Superior Court 3 Judge Matthew Aldridge, on behalf of all four courts, explained that he has solicited bids from four vendors: CTi, Forte, CISCO, and River Systems to upgrade the courtroom technology for each court and CTi is the recommendation of the four courts. He further explained that the Commissioners motioned to show support for upgrading the courtroom technology and utilizing LIT Special Purpose funds at their March 2nd meeting. Judge Aldridge requested support of an additional appropriation to be heard at the April meeting.

Greg Compton moved, second by Will Patterson, to support funding the courtroom technology upgrade, to include the four additional years' service agreement, in the amount of $417,000, from the LIT Special Purpose Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Auditor Angie Birchmeier explained that the Commissioners approved the Low Associates Software Solutions Agreement for the Marshall County Auditor and Treasurer at their March 2nd meeting. She requested support for an additional appropriation, to be heard at the April meeting, in the amount of $133,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund. **Brandon Schadek moved, second by James Masterson, to support an additional appropriation request of $133,000, as requested. Motion carried 7-0.**

COUNCIL ITEMS

Ordinance 2026-1(3) Additional Appropriations**:** The Auditor advertised the Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation in the Pilot News on February 23, 2026, and posted on Gateway, the county website, and bulletin boards on February 19, 2026.

General Fund/Superior Court 3 (1000-203): **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the additional appropriation request of $1,990 into Repair Furniture & Equipment. Motion carried 7-0.**
General Fund/Probation (1000-273): **Will Patterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of $5,000 into Urinalysis Supplies. Motion carried 7-0.**
Cum Bridge (1135): **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of $5,000 into Wages-Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.**

Ordinance 2026-2(3): Transfer of Appropriations**:**
General Fund/Superior Court 1 (1000-201): **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer of $327 from Office Equipment into Office Furniture & Fixtures and $8,000 from Unified Law Library into Office Furniture and Fixtures. Motion carried 7-0.**
Health (1159): **James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer of $10,000 from Wages-Department Head into Professional Services. Motion carried 7-0.**
Crisis CoAg COVID19 Workforce (8825): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Will Patterson, to approve the transfer of $1 from Wages-Overtime into Training. Motion carried 7-0.**

Ordinance 2026-5(3) Establish New County Funds: **James Masterson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve Ordinance 2026-5(3): An Ordinance Authorizing Marshall County Council to Establish New County Fund: 9020 IGIO SEED. Motion carried 7-0.**

Ordinance 2026-8: An Ordinance of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners and Marshall County Council Amending Ordinance Number 2025-11 and 2025-12 The Marshall County Public Safety Grant Program: Following discussion by board members and Marshall County Fire Association President John Grolich concerning the 2025 unspent balance of $21,398.01 for training, **Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve Ordinance 2026-8: An Ordinance of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners and Marshall County Council Amending Ordinance Number 2025-11 and 2025-12 The Marshall County Public Safety Grant Program, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Greg Compton moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to urge the Board of Commissioners to reconsider utilizing the Public Safety Grant Fund 9017 ending cash balance of $21,398.01 for mental health training. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of February 9, 2026: **James Masterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1, with Greg Compton abstaining.**

Lebbin Law Invoice: **Brandon Schadek moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the submission of Lebbin Law invoice #1951 in the amount of $240. Motion carried 7-0.**

BZA Alternate Appointment: **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to appoint Marc Felke as the BZA Alternate to fill the unexpired term of Laura Brockway. Motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC INPUT

The attendees did not have public input.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Council, **the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. upon motion by Nicole Cox, second by Deborah Johnson. Motion carried 7-0.**

Tim Harman, President	Will Patterson
Nicole Cox, Vice President	Brandon Schadek
James Masterson	Greg Compton
Deborah Johnson	Attest:
	Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor