MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

BE REMEMBERED: That on Monday, February 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, and Brandon Schadek; Council Attorney Marcel Lebbin; and County Auditor, Angela C. Birchmeier. Member Greg Compton was absent.

The meeting streamed live at http://www.youtube.com/@MarshallCountyIN, the Invocation was given by Brandon Schadek, 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 Star Financial Bank has confirmed payment for the bond anticipation note was received.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: President Harman stated that a committee meeting was not held. He provided the board with Cash Balances: General and Rainy Day Funds from 2011 to 2026 Report. He stated that the January 31st General Fund cash balance was $10,475,000 and the Rainy Day was $3,991,941, for a combined total of $14,466,947. He explained that historically the low point is May and is expecting a General Fund balance of $6,500,000, with spring settlement in June.

Vice President Cox stated that the County needs to be proactive going into calendar year 2027 not knowing the implications of Senate Enrolled Act 4 (SEA4).

President Harman explained that the General Fund will run a deficit for the next four to five months, with last month depleting $513,000. In forecasting out, the county will be $614,000 in the red until spring settlement. He further stated that if there are no large expenses, the General Fund should end 2026 with a cash balance of $11,400,000.

Highway: Member Schadek explained that there has not been a committee meeting, but the members have been communicating with Superintendent Jason Peters concerning materials and the budget. He stated that the Community Crossings grant was not awarded to the Highway Department this year.

Job Classification & Compensation: Vice President Cox stated that the job review/new position request submission just began February 1st. She stated that Human Resources Administrator Jennifer Daake notified the members that requests were received from the Extension and Sheriff offices.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Ordinance 2026-1(2) Additional Appropriations**:** The Auditor advertised the Notice of Proposed Additional Appropriation in the Pilot News, posted it on Gateway, the county website, and bulletin boards on January 27, 2025.

General Fund/Recorder (1000-004): **James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the additional appropriation request of $2,500 into Wages-Clerical. Motion carried 6-0.**

Public Safety Grant (9017): **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the additional appropriation request of $50,000 to each of the following accounts: Town of Argos Annual Support, Town of Bourbon Annual Support, Town of Culver Annual Support, North Township Annual Support, City of Plymouth Annual Support, Polk Township Annual Support, Tippecanoe Township Annual Support, and Town of Bremen Annual Support. Motion carried 6-0.**

Ordinance 2026-2(2): Transfer of Appropriations**:**

General Fund/Recorder (1000-004): **James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer of $16.51 from Office Machine Supplies into Dues & Subscriptions. Motion carried 6-0.**

Community Corrections Project Income (1122-009): **Nicole Cox moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer of $20,800 from Rent into Professional Services. Motion carried 6-0.**

MVH (1176): **Brandon Schadek moved, second by James Masterson, to approve the transfer of $20,000 from Wages-Area Leader and $5,000 from Wages-Mechanic into Wages-Overtime. Motion carried 6-0.**

MVH/MVH Restricted (1176/1173): **Will Patterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the transfer of $320,000 from MVH Wages-Area Leader into MVH Restricted Wages-Area Leader; $27,000 from MVH Wages-Road Foreman into MVH Restricted Wages-Road Foreman; $240,000 from MVH Wages-Heavy Equipment Operator into MVH Restricted Wages-Heavy Equipment Operator; $70,000 from MVH Employer PERF into MVH Restricted Employer PERF; $5,000 from MVH Other Operating Supplies into MVH Restricted Other Operating Supplies; $150,000 from MVH Stone, Gravel, Aggregates into MVH Restricted Stone, Gravel, Aggregates; $400,000 from MVH Bituminous into MVH Restricted Bituminous; $20,000 from MVH Road Signs into MVH Restricted Road Signs; $40,000 from MVH Employer Social Security into MVH Restricted Employer Social Security; $40,000 from MVH Group Health Insurance into MVH Restricted Group Health Insurance; and, $200,000 from MVH Vehicle Maintenance Supplies into MVH Restricted Vehicle Maintenance Supplies. Motion carried 6-0.**

Crisis CoAg COVID19 Workforce (8825): **James Masterson moved, second by Nicole Cox, to approve the transfer of $5,732.09 from Wages-Overtime, $19,293.48 from Supplies, $13,929.37 from Travel/Mileage, and $10,378.94 from Training into Wages-School Liaison; $232.50 from Training into Employer PERF; $4,226.27 from Training into Employer Social Security; and $898.88 from Professional Services into Employer Social Security. Motion carried 6-0.**

Ordinance 2026-5(2) Establish New County Funds: **Deborah Johnson moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve Ordinance 2026-5(2): An Ordinance Authorizing Marshall County Council to Establish New County Funds: 2200 Alternative Dispute Resolution and 9019 IOCS Family Court Program. Motion carried 6-0.**

Minutes of January 12, 2026: **Will Patterson moved, second by James Masterson, to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

Lebbin Law Invoice: **Nicole Cox moved, second by Brandon Schadek, to approve the submission of Lebbin Law invoice #1929 in the amount of $1,530. Motion carried 6-0.**

County Sheriff's Reports of Receipts and Distribution of the Commissary Fund: **Will Patterson moved, second by James Masterson, to accept the County Sheriff's Reports of Receipts and Distributions of the Commissary Fund for the Period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

Sheriff's 2026 Commissary Budget: **Will Patterson moved, second by Deborah Johnson, to approve the Sheriff's 2026 Commissary Budget totaling $325,000, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC INPUT

Bill Woodward, 12094 Peach Road, Plymouth, provided public input concerning the Marshall County Regional Sewer District.

ONE Marshall County representatives Gary Neidig and Matthew Celmer presented the Board with a Progress Update. They highlighted the initiatives, funding opportunities, strategic plans, and the 2026 budget. The three strategic plans are housing & infrastructure, quality of life & place, and business growth & workforce.

Marshall County Fire Association President John Grolich expressed appreciation for the Public Safety Grant Program.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Council, **the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m. upon motion by Nicole Cox, second by James Masterson. Motion carried 6-0.**

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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

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Angela C. Birchmeier, Auditor