

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
April 7, 2026
6:00 PM**

The Warrick County Council met in regular session at the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Council Attorney Rhett Gonterman and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

Auditor Michael Dietsch, Chief Deputy Barbi Shelton, and Recording Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

The public could view the meeting via Warrick County Government YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@WarrickCountyMeetings>

Council President Ron Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council members present in person: Ron Bacon, Patricia Brooks, Rob Dimmett, Brad Overton, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstine. Present and visible via Facetime was Richard Reid.

All actions on motions throughout the Regular Session meeting were made by a roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 3, 2026 Regular Session Meeting were presented. A correction was made to the dates under the Minutes Approval. Date in title and paragraph should be February 3rd not March 3rd. Also, David Zengler is misspelled under the PTAPOA Board Appointment.

Councilwoman Pat Brooks also wanted it clarified that at the last meeting she voted against the rescinding on the removal of Kim Seibert from the PTABOA Board. The count for that motion would then be 6-1 with Pat Brooks opposing.

Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections and clarifications. Councilman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

SHERIFF BUSINESS

2A. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Local Public Safety LIT	1170.11524.000.0000	Jailer	\$199,652.00
	1170.17100.000.0000	FICA	\$15,274.00
	1170.17200.000.0000	PERF	\$28,351.00
	1170.17300.000.0000	Health Insurance	\$68,000.00

2B. SALARY ORDINANCE

Public Safety	Jailer	4 positions	\$49,913.00
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Sheriff Mike Wilder was present. He knows that in previous discussions, he was asked about hiring more people and at the time they didn't think there would be a need. However, they are now seeing with the new larger facility there is a need for four new Jailers for the new Security Center. He went over the reasons for the increase including the safety issues. Sheriff Wilder also went over what he sees as a solution. There was money that went back to PSLIT Fund that can be used to take care of the additional salaries for the next three years. He pointed out that the PSLIT Fund can only be used for something like this involving Public Safety. So, the money is there if they use it right. President Bacon said that the Sheriff came with a need and what he feels is an emergency. He asked for a motion.

Councilwoman Pat Brooks made a motion to approve 2A and 2B. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion. Councilman Dimmett asked what a permanent fix would be for this as the money would only last three years. Administrator Powless said that there is enough money coming into PSLIT to be able to continue to fund it. The motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Wilder said that the Council is welcome to come to look at the facility anytime. They almost have it completed. They are also looking at doing an open house.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

3A. WARRICK COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Economic Development Director Steve Roelle presented the Redevelopment Commission Annual Report to the Council which is required by the State by April 15th. It is a summary of the Redevelopment Commission's activities

and what they have done in the last year. It also reviews items such as the TIF districts, revenues, and grants. There is no action for the Council to take. Councilman Richmond asked what the Epworth Point TIF was. Mr. Roelle said it's the Warrick County Sports Facility.

3B. PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION INCENTIVE

There was a request to table this item. Not all the paperwork is completed. Mr. Roelle hopes to be back next month with this item.

3C. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

LIT 1112.44360.000.0000 4H Center Improvements \$450,000.00

Mr. Roelle said that this is a requested appropriation. They want to help build a new livestock barn at the fairgrounds. There were also 4H representatives present. A summary, including building plans, was presented to the Council. They are dealing with a lot of issues with the current buildings. Mr. Roelle went over the history of 4H. They were built back in the 1962 and have gone beyond their useful life. The County does own the building and the fairgrounds. This would also be available for use year-round. They are expecting the project to be around \$600,000.00. The appropriation money of \$450,000.00 would come from EDIT contingent on 4-H coming up with the rest of the funding. There will be an agreement put in place. They will fundraise, utilize grants, and come up with other ways to hit their goal.

Councilman Overton said that he would like to see the number raise to \$500,000.00 like what was given to Ohio Township Park and it not even being County-owned. Mr. Roelle said that he would happily support that. There was a brief discussion on the Ohio Township Project.

Councilman Dimmett briefly spoke to his support and need for this project and the new bathrooms proposed were much needed. Councilwoman Brooks agreed.

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve \$450,000.00 now with the other \$50,000.00 to be approved in May. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BUSINESS

4. UPDATE

Ms. Holly McCutcheon with Soil and Water Conservation was present. She gave out the annual meeting program to the Council for review. She also thanked them for the new position that was supported by the County and how well it was going. She reviewed the report with the Council including projects, grants they are working on, and different group collaborations. President Bacon talked briefly about seeing more cover crops. Ms. McCutcheon said they will be working with the trade school on planting this summer.

SURVEYOR BUSINESS

5. UPDATE

This was removed.

HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CORRECTIONS

President Bacon read the following into the minutes:

6A. Budget Reduction Correction			
Commissioner	1000.31706.000.0068	Judge Granger Improvements	- \$15,000.00
Cumulative Cap	1138.39201.000.0000	Other Contractual Services	-\$380.00
6B. Additional Appropriation Correction			
ARPA	8950.31706.000.0000	Judge Granger Improvements	\$15,380.00
	8950.31520.000.0000	Vann Road	\$29,297.00
6C. Additional Appropriation Donation			
Animal Control Donations	4111.30201.000.0000	Other Services and Charges	\$2,530.00
6D. Salary Ordinance Resignation Handbook Policy			
Dispatcher	144 sick hours, 11.5 comp, 48 hours PTO, 48 hours bonus		\$6,035.15
6E. Prosecutor Transfer			
Transfer From:	1000.36400.000.0009	Equipment Maintenance	\$800.00
Transfer From:	1000.44400.000.0009	Computer Equipment	\$400.00
Transfer To:	1000.21100.000.0009	General	\$1,200.00

There was no discussion. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(April Appropriations is located on Page 4 of these Official Minutes)

COUNCIL BUSINESS
7. BUDGET MEETING DATES

Administrator Powless included these for Council's review. She said they don't have to be approved tonight and can come to the May meeting after everyone reviews their calendars. No one had any issues with the dates. Councilman Rick Reid made a motion to approve the dates. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT/SIGN IN SHEET


There was no Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

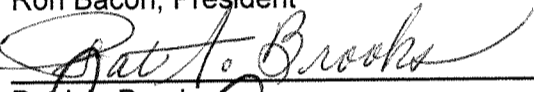
The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 P.M.


WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL




Ron Bacon, President




Patricia Brooks



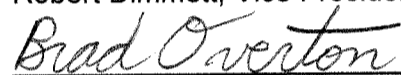
Richard Reid




Chris Whetstine



Robert Dimmett, Vice President




Brad Overton



Greg Richmond

ATTEST:



Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary

ORIGINAL

Additional Appropriation Ordinance/Resolution

Whereas the proper officers of Warrick County, Indiana have determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money for the calendar year 2026 than the amount that was fixed by the Warrick County Council and finally determined in the annual budget under Indiana Code 6-1.1' and

Whereas notice was duly given to the public in accordance with IC 6-1.1-18-5(a) and IC 5-3-1-2(b) for a public hearing on a proposed additional appropriation and a public hearing was held on April 7, 2026, by the Warrick County Council regarding same:

Therefore, be it Ordained (Resolved) by the Warrick County Council of Warrick County, Indiana that a need now exists for an additional appropriation out of the following fund or funds named, and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

FUND	APPROPRIATION NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
			Total County General Fund:	0
Local Public Safety LIT	1170.11524.000.0000	Jailer	\$199,652.00	199,652
	1170.17100.000.0000	FICA	\$15,274.00	15,274
	1170.17200.000.0000	PERF	\$28,351.00	28,351
	1170.17300.000.0000	Health Insurance	\$68,000.00	68,000
ARPA	8950.31706.000.0000	Judge Granger Improvements	\$15,380.00	15,380
	8950.31520.000.0000	Vann Road	\$29,297.00	29,297
Animal Con. Donations	4111.30201.000.0000	Other Services and Charges	\$2,530.00	2,530
LIT	1112.44360.000.0000	4H Center Improvements	\$450,000.00	450,000
FUND REDUCTION				
	APPROPRIATION REDUCTION #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
Commissioner	1000.31706.000.0068	Judge Granger Improvements	-\$15,000.00	-15,000
Cumulative Cap	1138.39201.000.0000	Other Contractual Services	-\$380.00	-380

Duly adopted by the following Vote of the members of the Warrick County Council on this 7 day of April, 2026.

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<u>Pat A. Bank</u>	_____
<u>Brad Overton</u>	_____
<u>Kit Conrath</u>	_____
<u>Greg Richmond</u>	_____
<u>Chris White</u>	_____
<u>Pat A. Bank</u>	_____

ATTEST: Mike Dietsch Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County