

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
July 8, 2025
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.

Chief Deputy Auditor Barbi Shelton attended and recorded the minutes.

The public could view the meeting via Warrick County Government YouTube channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOK8y7IXcLpK9le8WV4pr9w?view_as=subscriber

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Public Health Services	1161.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$449,238.64
Health	1159.31400.000.0000	Communication	\$5,000.00

President Bacon told members that this tabled item from the last meeting had been withdrawn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the June 3, 2025 Regular Session Meeting were presented. President Bacon understood that the minutes were good, but there were some minor housekeeping things that would be done at the end of the meeting under Other Business. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilman Rob Dimmett had a correction to the vote for Council President at the last meeting. He voted for Ron Bacon, but his vote was marked as nay and needed correction. The correction was made.

Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS
TAX PHASE IN – COMPLIANCE

Economic Development Director Steve Roelle presented the following Tax Phase-Ins for the annual abatements for the County. He also briefly summarized all the information on the companies that are in compliance, what the abatements cover, and the time left on the abatements. All forms have been received. They were the following:

- 3A. Tax Phase In
Warrick Newco, LLC
- 3B. Tax Phase In
Alcoa Power Generating Inc
- 3C. Tax Phase In
Kaiser Aluminum Warrick, LLC 2025 & 2025
- 3D. Tax Phase In -Compliance
Fibertech, LLC
- 3E. Tax Phase In -Compliance
Euro Properties
- 3F. Tax Phase In -Compliance
Euronique
- 3G. Tax Phase In -Compliance
Summit Land Development

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve 3A through 3G. Councilman Rick Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(All Tax Phase-Ins are located on File in the Auditor's Office)

**RECORDER BUSINESS
RECORDER PERPETUATION
ORDINANCE 2025-02**

Council Administrator Krystal Powless presented the Recorder Perpetuation, Ordinance 2025-02 to the Council. She said it was a matter of bookkeeping. An affidavit was presented for the amount of the expenses in the perpetuation. Councilwoman Pat Brooks said that she worked with the current Recorder as the former Recorder. President Bacon read Ordinance 2025-02 into the record by title:

*Ordinance 2025-02, An Ordinance of the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana,
Approving the County Recorder's Office Expenses for the 2026 Fiscal Year.*

Councilwoman Pat Brooks made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**EMA BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Opioid Unrestricted	1238.30200.000.0000	Opioid Unrestricted	\$43,727.00
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President Bacon said that this item had also been withdrawn. They will be trying to work with the Health Department.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
RESTRUCTURING OF HFI FUND
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION & REDUCTIONS**

President Bacon read the following into the record:

Public Health Services	Reductions	1161.17100.000.0000	FICA	-\$31,003.00
		1161.17200.000.0000	PERF	-\$50,320.00
Appropriations		1161.22100.000.0000	Gas, oil & lube	-\$2,000.00
		1161.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	-\$172,794.00
		1161.17300.000.0000	Group Insurance	\$500.00
		1161.21100.000.0000	Supplies	\$22,000.00
		1161.23410.000.0000	Other Supply Partnerships	\$125,000.00
		1161.20000.000.0000	Printing	\$10,000.00
		1161.31708.000.0000	Partnerships	\$601,909.00

Interim Health Department Administrator Juli Shade was present to review the request. When money was received from the State last year, the total amount was not budgeted in order to match the State. She reviewed how they have restricted it to matches with the money given and put into the accounts and used the way it needs to be used. This approval will appropriate the monies into the funds for the appropriate use.

President Bacon asked for a review of how the money will be used as this has been in issue in the past. Ms. Shade went over several of the outreaches, partnerships, and programs that will be put into place. Dr. Kahre, the Warrick County Health Officer, went into more detail on the partnerships with Vanderburgh County and EMA.

Both Councilwoman Brooks and Councilman Whetstine asked for more details on the partnerships. Dr. Kahre and Ms. Shade went over the transfers and partnerships and how it won't be something that will be a quick fix for all the issues, but there is a plan in place. President Bacon said that it was an issue in the past.

Councilman Overton asked about the cut in salaries and appreciated the money going towards programs rather than salaries. Councilman Richmond asked about the Health Department giving printed updates for the Council to review from time to time. Councilman Overton agreed and suggested updating as well on their web page. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve the appropriations and reductions. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**COMMISSIONER/ARPA BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

President Bacon read the following into the record:

Commissioners	1000.31706.000.0068	Judge Granger Improvements	\$15,000.00
	1000.31702.000.0068	Coroner Freezer Unit	\$15,000.00

County Administrator Debbie Bennett-Stearsman was present. She presented all paperwork. The improvements to Judge Granger's Office is over half complete. It was approved to pay half from the Judge's budget and the rest from the ARPA Interest. It now needs to be appropriated with the money moved at the last Council meeting. President Bacon asked if Council wanted to separate the items. They were taken together. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman then went over the Coroner Freezer. Ms. Alissa Enright was present. She went over the increase of fees with Vanderburgh County and that she has been also using a local funeral home for occasional storage. There was also discussion of the mobile morgue. It has been used once, but is more for emergency use. President Bacon agreed that Vanderburgh is not as friendly with storage as they were in the past and they are very busy.

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried to approve 7-0.

COMMISSIONER BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
COMMISSIONER BUDGET

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman then discussed the current Commissioner Budget. She presented paperwork on the necessity for the additional appropriation to the budget. The Juvenile Detention has a little over \$4,411.95 and the Commissioners have signed a contract that has depleted what they had. The \$120,000.00 will get them through the rest of the year. It will also go up next year and that new amount will be put in the budget for next year.

President Bacon read the requested appropriations into the record:

7B.Commissioners	1000.31501.000.0068	Juvenile Detention	\$120,320.00
	1000.32410.000.0068	Cell Phones	\$18,000.00
	1000.32400.000.0068	Communication	\$36,000.00
	1000.31401.000.0068	Contractual Services-HR	\$20,000.00
	100031200.000.0068	Legal Services	\$40,000.00
7C. Transfer			
Transfer From:	1000.17300.000.0068	Group Insurance	\$41,646.00
Transfer To:	1000.34300.000.0000	Workman's Comp	\$41,646.00

Juvenile Detention

It was then decided to go through the items individually. There was a brief discussion on past talk of using the Old Jail for Juvenile Detention. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman went over all that would have to happen to determine the feasibility of it. Councilman Whetstine asked about the using the current jail. Sheriff Wilder said there has been talk about the possibility as well. Councilman Richmond said that the start up is a big issue due to cost. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve the Juvenile Detention. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion was carried 7-0.

Cell Phones

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman reviewed the Cell Phone use. She went over where the phones are and the need. It's about \$3,200.00 a month. There was discussion on having all phones under one provider and a possible audit. There was also discussion on the phones coming out of County General and some coming out of the department budgets such as the Sheriff's Office. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve the \$18,000.00. Councilman Ron Bacon seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-4 with Pat Brooks, Rob Dimmett, Brad Overton, and Rick Reid opposing.

Communications

They are currently at a little over \$1,000.00 left in the line and they are averaging around \$3,000.00 a month. Many of it is for internet services and the phones in the offices. She went over all that was included. Ms. Powless asked what was paid last year and also pointed out that Scales Lake should be paying for their own out of their budget. They also discussed Dispatch and appropriating other bills.

Councilman Overton asked about all the savings they were told would be seen by transferring over to a new provider since they have seen no savings. Councilman Richmond said it was Mainstream and there were issues with hook up. Economic Development Director Steve Roelle also spoke to the issue. He said there was an agreement and upgrades that needed to happen and the County did not do the upgrades. There was discussion on the upgrades and costs.

They again discussed Scales Lake and going forward on paying for their use. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman said that they are catching everything up. It was also discussion on the emergency beacons being paid by the Parks/Economic Development/E911. Mr. Roelle will be checking. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman has even called phones to see who they belonged to. Ms. Powless said that hotspots could also be driving up costs.

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve the \$36,000.00 but asked that she investigate/audit the use. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Steve Roelle did inform the Council at the end of the meeting that the emergency beacons at Friedman Park and Scales Lake Park are paid for by the Warrick Parks Foundation.

Contractual Services-HR

The Commissioners have entered a contract with Purple Ink as they are finding several issues with HR and policies. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman also mentioned that some of the lawsuits they are currently in might have been avoided had there been policies in place. They will be doing an assessment which will include in-person consulting. They have the money set aside for it for six weeks, but she thinks it will take longer and would like to do another \$20,000.00 to get them where they need to be. It is in the budget for a part-time person HR which they will want to utilize at some point. She and their other office person are overwhelmed and working late to try to keep up.

Ms. Powless asked what they were planning to do anything with the front desk position in the Commissioner's Office. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman said that even if she did hire someone, she doesn't have time to train them. It may need to wait until the new office person that was just hired is fully trained and they have the HR in hand to bring in another person. It could be next year before they can do it.

Councilman Chris Whetstine made the motion to approve. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Legal Services

Administrator Bennett-Stearsman gave the Council a handout of the current status of Legal Services. They are okay right now, and she can come back for additional at the next meeting or approve it now. Ms. Powless said that if they don't approve it now, there won't be enough for August. They could approve and she could come back in September or October.

Councilwoman Brooks said that she really wanted a breakdown on what the retainage covered because she feels like they are getting charged for everything. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman and Councilman Richmond reviewed what was covered by the retainer and what was outside the retainer. The billing they received is very detailed and the bills are slowly coming down.

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman and Councilman Richmond both think that getting someone in that is good in HR would be extremely beneficial and help keep from the lawsuits. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman said there is enough work that they will also need the part-time as there is a lot.

Councilman Ron Bacon made the motion. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Brad Overton abstaining.

Group Insurance

Ms. Bennett-Stearsman said they received a bill from First Advantage for a workman's comp audit from last year. It is for \$41,646.00. She has discussed it with Ms. Powless and to get it paid, it could come from the Group Insurance and then it gives them time to figure out where to go from there. There was a brief discussion. Councilman Brad Overton made the motion to approve. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CORRECTIONS

President Bacon read the following into the minutes:

8A. Salary Ordinance Handbook policy			
Building Commission Resignation		Deputy pay out	\$2,062.95
8B. Additional Appropriation			
Building Commission	4908.11760.000.0000	Building Commissioner	\$2,063.00
8C. Transfer Superior 2			
Transfer From:	1000.31890.000.0202	Pauper Documents	\$1,000.00
Transfer To:	1000.11225.000.0202	Interpreter	\$1,000.00
Transfer From:	1000.31890.000.0202	Pauper Documents	\$6,000.00
Transfer To:	1000.18320.000.0202	Per Diem Petit Jury	\$6,000.00
8D. Additional Appropriation Reimbursement			
*Storm Water Management	1197.44000.000.0000	Equipment	\$2,600.00
8E. Additional Appropriation correction for missed payment in 2025			
GO Bond 2023	4609.58015.000.000	Payment	\$374,590.00
8F. Transfer PSLIT Correction			
Transfer From:	1170.17200.000.0000	PERF	\$43,000.00
Transfer To:	1170.58015.000.0000	Jail Bond Payment	\$43,000.00
8G. Salary Ordinance Handbook policy			
Commissioner Resignation		Deputy pay out	\$2,458.64
8H. Additional Appropriation			
Commissioner	1000.12000.000.0068	Human Resource Director	\$2,459.00

Ms. Powless wanted to tell the Council that the Salary Ordinance for the Human Resources pay out from the Commissioners was submitted by HR but was not signed off on by any of the Commissioners or their office. She needed to know if the Commissioners approved it. Councilman Bacon said he spoke with a Commissioner and they were going to deal with it. Ms. Powless said in that case 8G and 8H needed to be pulled from any motions.

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to table 8G and 8H. Councilman Rick Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve 8A through 8F. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Reid asked about the GO Bond payment being late. Ms. Powless said it wasn't technically late, but it has messed up some of the budgeting and they are working to get it taken care of. It happened during the turnover in the Commissioner's Office.

COUNCIL BUSINESS
RESOLUTION 2025-05 CORRECTION

Council Attorney had two housekeeping matters to attend to. The first was for the Resolution for the ARPA Interest to the General Fund. The original had been marked through to have the transfer go to the General Fund. He has cleaned up the document. It just needs to be ratified. This will keep the record clean. Councilman Rick Reid made a motion to approve. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Resolution 2025-05 is located on Page 6 of these Official Minutes)

ORDINANCE 2025-01
PETTY CASH FUND CORRECTION

The second was the Ordinance passed at the last meeting. Because this was an Ordinance, there should have been a second reading or a clear unanimous consent. He recommended that the Council ratify on a unanimous consent. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve on unanimous consent. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Ordinance 2025-01 is located on Page 7 of these Official Minutes)

RECORDER'S PERPETUATION.
ORDINANCE 2025-02

Councilman Richmond asked if that didn't need to be done with the Ordinance for the Recorder's Perpetuation. Counsel said they could do the same thing. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve on unanimous consent. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Ordinance 2025-02 is located on Pages 7 through 8 of these Official Minutes)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no other public outside of Mr. Roelle's comments about the emergency beacons.

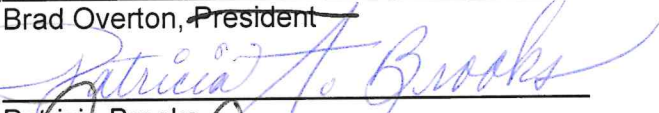
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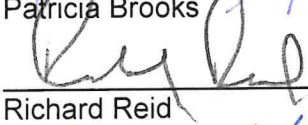
The next regular session Warrick County Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Rick Reid made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

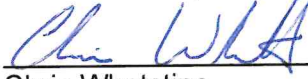
The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

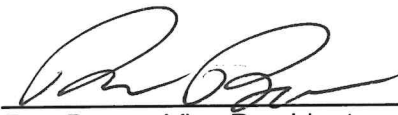
WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

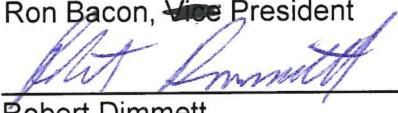

Brad Overton, President

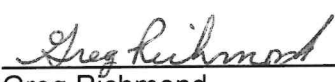

Patricia Brooks


Richard Reid


Chris Whetstine


Ron Bacon, Vice President


Robert Dimmett


Greg Richmond

ATTEST:


Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary

Sec. 1 Be it ordained (resolved) by the Warrick County Council, Warrick County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the proposed specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

FUND	APPROPRIATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Commissioner	1000.12000.000.0068	Human Resource Director	\$2,459.00	2,459.00
Health	1159.31400.000.0000	Communication	\$5,000.00	Removed
Public Health Services	1161.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$449,238.64	Removed
Storm Water Manag.	1197.44000.000.0000	Equipment	\$2,600.00	2,600.00
Opioid Unrestricted	1238.30200.000.0000	Opioid Unrestricted	\$43,727.00	Removed
Commissioners	1000.31706.000.0068	Judge Granger Improvements	\$15,000.00	15,000.00
	1000.31702.000.0068	Coroner Freezer Unit	\$15,000.00	15,000.00
	1000.31501.000.0000	Juvenile Detention	\$120,320.00	120,320.00
	1000.32410.000.0068	Cell Phones	\$18,000.00	0
	1000.32400.000.0068	Communication	\$36,000.00	36,000.00
	1000.31401.000.0068	Contractual Services -HR	\$20,000.00	20,000.00
	100031200.000.0068	Legal Services	\$40,000.00	40,000.00
Building Commission	490811760.000.0000	Building Commissioner	\$2,063.00	2,063.00
GO Bond 2023	4609.58015.000.0000	Payment	\$374,590.00	374,590.00
Public Health Services				
Reductions	1161.17100.000.0000	FICA	-\$31,003.00	- 31,003.00
	1161.17200.000.0000	PERF	-\$50,320.00	- 50,320.00
	1161.22100.000.0000	Gas, oil & lube	-\$2,000.00	- 2,000.00
	1161.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	-\$187,794.00	- 187,794.00
Appropriations	1161.17300.000.0000	Group Insurance	\$500.00	500.00
	1161.21100.000.0000	Supplies	\$22,000.00	22,000.00
	1161.23410.000.0000	Other Supply Partnerships	\$135,000.00	135,000.00
	1161.20000.000.0000	Printing	\$10,000.00	10,000.00
	1161.31708.000.0000	Partnerships	\$601,909.00	601,909.00

Taxpayers appearing in the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action.

Adopted this 8 day of July 2025.

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Brad Overton
Robert Dimmett
Chris Richmond
Pat Brooks
Mike Dietsch

NAY

TEST: *Michael Dietsch* AS Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 05

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WARRICK COUNTY INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST EARNED ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the County Council ("Council") of Warrick County, Indiana ("County") has received certain funds from the ARPA which provided federal funding to local governments to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Treasury guidelines allow interest earned on ARPA funds to be considered local revenue and used for general government purposes unless otherwise restricted; and

WHEREAS, the County has accrued interest in the amount \$237,362.46 from its deposit of ARPA funds in interest-bearing accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it in the best interest of the County to create and allocate said interest earnings to the County General Fund for lawful and necessary governmental expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council, as follows:

Section 1. The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the creation of and transfer of interest earned on deposited ARPA funds to the County General Fund, in accordance with U.S. Treasury guidance and applicable state and local laws.

Section 2. The County Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$237,362.46 in interest earned from the ARPA Fund to the County General Fund.

Section 3. Funds transferred to the County General Fund pursuant to this Resolution shall be used for general governmental purposes as approved in the County's annual budget or subsequent appropriations.

Section 4. This transfer and any future transfers of ARPA interest shall be carried out in accordance with U.S. Treasury regulations, state law, and applicable accounting standards.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2025.

Warrick County Council

Chris Richmond
Chris Richmond
Chris Whetstone
Chris Whetstone
Pat Brooks
Pat Brooks
Richard Reid
Richard Reid

Brad Overton
Brad Overton
Robert Dimmett
Robert Dimmett
Pat Brooks
Pat Brooks

ATTEST:
Michael Dietsch
Michael Dietsch, Auditor
Warrick County, Indiana

WARRICK COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 01
AN ORDINANCE OF THE WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL
ESTABLISHING A CASH FUND AND A
PETTY CASH FUND FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Council ("the Council") is the fiscal body in and for the County of Warrick, State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-8-2 permits the Council to establish a cash change fund for any of its officers or employees having a duty to collect cash revenues; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-8-3, permits the Council to establish a petty cash fund for any of its offices to pay small or emergency items of operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Council previously approved the creation of a cash change fund and a petty cash fund for the Sheriff's Department pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-04 which shall remain unaffected by the creation of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warrick County Council as follows:

1. The Council hereby establishes a cash change and petty cash fund for all County Departments in the amount of fifty dollars and no/cents (\$50.00).
2. The amount for the Department Cash Change Fund and Petty Cash Fund shall be drawn on accounts for each respective Department and shall be returned to the appropriate fund when the Cash Change Fund and Petty Cash Fund for that department are no longer needed.
3. The custodian of the Department Cash Change Fund and Petty Cash Fund shall be the Department Head or his/her designee, who shall use the fund to make change when collecting cash revenues or to pay for small or emergency items relating to operational needs. A receipt shall be provided for each expenditure made from the fund.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED EFFECTIVE AFTER ITS ADOPTION AND EXECUTION THIS 3 DAY OF JULY, 2025.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Greg Richmond
Greg Richmond
Chris Whetstone
Chris Whetstone
Ron Bacon
Ron Bacon
Richard Reid
Richard Reid

Brad Overton
Brad Overton
Robert Duggett
Robert Duggett
Pat Brooks
Pat Brooks

ATTEST:
Michael Dietrich
Michael Dietrich, Auditor
Warrick County, Indiana

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WARRICK COUNTY,
INDIANA APPROVING THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE
EXPENSES FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Council (the "Council") has the authority and duty to maintain and oversee the fiscal operations of Warrick County (the "County") and to reconcile the County's financial and budgetary records; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. § 36-2-7-10.2(b) in order that the County Recorder may pay all or a portion of the expenses of the County Recorder's office for calendar year 2026 from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund established under I.C. § 36-2-7-10 (f) (the "Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the Recorder has submitted a sworn statement to the Council that the current revenue to the Fund is sufficient to fulfill the statutory purpose of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recorder has submitted a sworn statement to the Council that the technology of the County Recorder's office is presently updated and at a level to sufficiently meet the statutory purposes of the Fund and the County Recorder's Office; and

WHEREAS, the County Recorder specifically requests that all or a specific, identifiable portion of the Fund be used to pay expenses of the County Recorder's office for the 2026 calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council as follows:

Section 1. That all or a specific identifiable portion of the Fund be used to pay expenses of the County Recorder's Office for the 2026 calendar year. Those certain expenses as identified in the Sworn Statement of Patricia E. Perry, County Recorder, as attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The County Recorder is hereby directed to pay expenses of the County Recorder's office for the 2026 calendar year from the Fund.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage

Adopted this 8 day of July, 2025.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

<u>Brad Overton</u> Brad Overton, President <u>Robert Dimmett</u> Robert Dimmett <u>Richard Reid</u> Richard Reid <u>Pat Brooks</u> Pat Brooks	<u>Greg Richmond</u> Greg Richmond <u>Chris Whetstone</u> Chris Whetstone <u>Ron Bacon</u> Ron Bacon
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ATTEST: this 8 day of July, 2025.

Mike Dietsch
Mike Dietsch, Auditor

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RESOLUTION/AFFIDAVIT of WARRICK COUNTY RECORDER
1189 PERPETUATION FUND

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF WARRICK)

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY RECORDER'S
RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER
I.C. § 36-2-7-10(d)

SWORN STATEMENT OF PATRICIA E. PERRY, WARRICK COUNTY RECORDER

Patricia E. Perry, the duly elected County Recorder, submits her sworn statement to the County Council pursuant to I.C. § 36-2-7-10.2(b) in order that the County Recorder may pay all or a portion of the expenses of the County Recorder's Office for calendar year 2026 from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund (1189) established under I.C. § 36-2-7-10(d). Under penalties for perjury and under oath, Patricia E. Perry, Warrick County Recorder, states as follows:

- (A) The current revenue to the fund is sufficient to fulfill the statutory purpose of the fund;
- (B) The technology of the County Recorder's office is presently updated and at a level to sufficiently meet the statutory purposes of the fund and the County Recorder's office;
- (C) The fund has a sufficient reserve, consistent with the Recorder's plan to capitalize the next technology or other records management upgrade necessary to fulfill the statutory purpose of the fund and the County Recorder's office; and

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- (D) The County Recorder specifically requests that all or a specific, identifiable portion of the 1189 Perpetuation Fund be used to pay expenses of the County Recorder's office for record preservation for 2026, (\$350,000.00). This includes a deputy, all part-time staff, back-indexers, and contracts, software, Storage Guardian, Monarch, E-recordings, Laredo, scanners, and maintenance.

I, Patricia E. Perry, affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

Date: July 8, 2025.

Patricia E. Perry
Patricia E. Perry, Warrick County Recorder

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF WARRICK)

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Patricia E. Perry acknowledged the execution of the above and foregoing document to be her voluntary act and deed under oath.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 8 day of July
County of Residence:

Katrina Georges
Notary Public

