

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
May 12, 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.

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, Richard Reid, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstine.

**TABLED ITEMS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA
RESOLUTION 2026-03**

Economic Development Director Steve Roelle presented a Preliminary Resolution for an Economic Revitalization Area for Harris Mountain West. Also present was Chris Hemans with Savills, a global site selection firm. They have been working together since January. Mr. Hemans is helping the company find the best site for this project. Mr. Roelle said that Project Vanguard is a very competitive project and would bring in over a hundred jobs. The company will invest \$5,400,000.00 in personal property business and use one of the buildings in the North Warrick Industrial Park. He also went over the Redevelopment Commission's involvement with the project. If the Preliminary Resolution is passed, they will be back next month for the confirming resolution. President Bacon read the Resolution into the record:

*Resolution 2026-03, A Preliminary Resolution Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area
for Personal Property Tax Phase-In*

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

(Preliminary Resolution 2026-03 is located on Pages 4 through 5 of these Official Minutes)

**NEW BUSINESS
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 7, 2026 Regular Session Meeting were presented. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**SURVEYOR BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Section Corner Perpetuation	1202.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$73,000.00
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Surveyor Steve Spinks and Deputy Surveyor Amanda Mosiman were present. Ms. Mosiman said that this is for the Section Corner Perpetuation. It is required for 5% of the County be surveyed on a yearly basis. Kiesel Wagner was already contracted for the work back in 2025, but the funding was not encumbered from 2025 to pay for the contract. This is to correct that so that Kiesel Wagner can continue to be paid for their work. There were no questions. Councilman Rick Reid made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Park and Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$16,887.00
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Parks Superintendent Ben Labhart was present. They are needing to replace a second culvert. The other was replaced a couple years ago. Both were about the same age. All pricing info was presented to the Council. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**COMMISSIONER BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Contractual Services 1000.31400.000.0000 Contractual Services \$25,000.00

County Administrator Debbie Bennett-Stearsman was present. She said that this is to cover the deductible for the insurance from the security breach that the County experienced. There was a brief discussion. Councilman Chris Whetstine made motion to approve. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Part time IT Position \$6,400.00

TRANSFER

Transfer From: 1000.31425.000.0000 Contract Services IT \$6,400.00
Transfer To: 1000.11420.000.0000 Part Time IT \$6,400.00

They are requesting to have a Part Time IT intern position for three months, during the summer, to aid IT Director Guy Whelan. He is behind on work. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve both the salary ordinance and the transfer. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**SHERIFF BUSINESS
SALARY ORDINANCE**

Jail Custodial Employee \$40,839.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Jail 1000.11655.000.0380 Custodial Employee \$25,135.00

Sheriff Mike Wilder was present. They are going from a 30,000 square foot building to an 80,000 square foot building. The person that cleans currently is paid by the Commissioner to come on a rotational basis with the Drug Court/Coroner building and other County-owned buildings. With the move to the new building, she would come in and work full time at the Security Center and move into his budget. She will temporarily clean where she is until the Commissioner hire the replacement for her. The salary ordinance is for the salary amount, but the \$25,135.00 is what will be expended this year from the Jail budget. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance and Additional Appropriation. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

COMMISSARY REPORT

Sheriff Wilder reviewed the Commissary Report. He went over what money comes out and some of the more recent purchases. There were no questions.

SECURITY CENTER

He also gave an update on the new Security Center. They are looking at having everyone out to tour and an official ribbon cutting in June.

HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CORRECTIONS

President Bacon read the following into the minutes:

- 7A. Additional Appropriation LIT**
LIT 1112.44360.000.0000 4-H Center Improvements \$50,000.00
- 7B. Additional Appropriation Grant Close Out**
LATCF Grant 8990.31692.000.0000 Scales Lake Trail \$30.00
- 7C. Transfer Veteran Office**
Transfer From: 1000.21100.000.0012 General Supplies \$248.00
Transfer To: 1000.44200.000.0012 Office Equipment \$248.00
- 7D. Salary Ordinance LIT Handbook**
Deputy Resignation pay out \$1,911.99
- 7E. Additional Appropriation Insurance Reimbursement**
*Sheriff 1000.44300.000.0005 Motorized Equipment \$15,842.00

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve. Councilman Reid requested to separate out the \$50,000.00 for the 4-H Center Improvements. Councilman Dimmett amended his motion to approve only 7A. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the amended motion. The motion carried 6-1 with Rick Reid opposing.

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve 7B-7E. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

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

**COUNCIL BUSINESS
MILEAGE ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 2026-04**

A new Mileage Ordinance was presented. President Bacon read the following into the record:

An Ordinance of the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana, amending Section 31.03 of the Warrick County Code of Ordinances (Mileage Reimbursement for County Employees) to Provide for Reimbursement at the Standard Mileage Rate Established by the Internal Revenue Service

This will stay in line with the current Federal rates which is \$0.725 up from the current county rate of \$0.49. Councilman Richmond expressed a concern about how this would affect budgets and asked about doing some research on it. There was a brief discussion. Offices will still need to stay within their current budgets. They can address any possible changes to the budgets at budget time. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1 with Pat Brooks opposing.

(Ordinance 2026-04 is located on Page 6 of these Official Minutes)

BUDGET LETTER

Council Administrator Krystal Powless drafted a budget letter for the Board to review. President Bacon said that he was good with the letter. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve the letter. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS
AIC STATE CALLED MEETING**

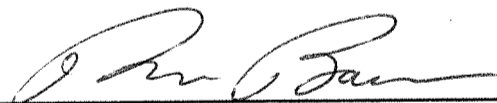
Councilman Richmond said that the State Called County Council meeting is June 12th and 13th in Carmel, Indiana, and he plans on attending. He encouraged others to go. There will be important information on Senate Bill 1 and its effects, especially on towns.

ADJOURNMENT

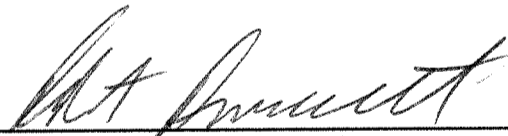
The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Rick Reid made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

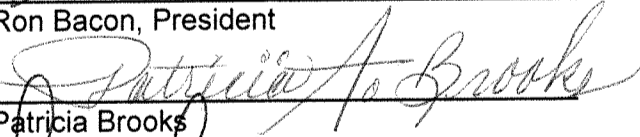
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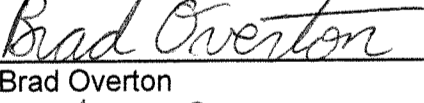
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Robert Dimmett, Vice President




Patricia Brooks



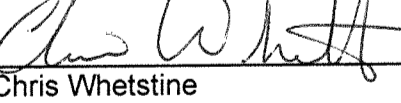
Brad Overton



Richard Reid

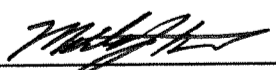


Greg Richmond



Chris Whetstine

ATTEST:



Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary

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 May 12, 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
Commissioners	1000.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$25,000.00	25,000
Sheriff	1000.44300.000.0005	Motorized Equipment	\$15,842.00	15,842
Jail	10001.1655.000.0380	Custodial Employee	\$25,135.00	25,135
Section Corner Perp.	1202.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$73,000.00	73,000
LIT	1112.44360.000.0000	4-H Center Improvements	\$50,000.00	50,000
Park and Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$16,887.00	16,887.00
LATCF Grant	8990.31692.000.0000	Scales Lake Trail	\$30.00	30

Duly adopted by the following Vote of the members of the Warrick County Council on this 12 day of May, 2026.

<p>AYE</p> <p><i>Brad Overton</i></p> <p><i>Robert Emmett</i></p> <p><i>Dreg Richmond</i></p> <p><i>Chris White</i></p> <p><i>Pat Brooks</i></p> <p><i>Paul Reo</i></p>	<p>NAY</p> <p><i>Paul Reo</i></p>
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ATTEST: *Mike Dietsch* Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 03

A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PHASE-IN (Harris Mountain West, LLC)

WHEREAS, Harris Mountain West, LLC (the "Applicant") has submitted a Statement of Benefits – Personal Property, and Applicant has made application for Economic Revitalization Area designation pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1 et seq., and has requested Tax Phase-In for personal property located in Warrick County, Indiana and more particularly described as:

Parcel Numbers 87-04-07-303-005.000-007 and 87-04-18-105-005.000-007 in Warrick County, Indiana, with a street address of 11734 Industrial Park Drive, Elberfeld, Indiana 47613 (the "Property").

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Economic Development Advisory Council ("EDAC") and the Warrick County Redevelopment Commission ("RDC") on the 16th day of April, 2026 received and reviewed Applicant's Statement of Benefits for Personal Property and also received and reviewed Applicant's Application for Economic Revitalization Area and Phase-In of Property Tax, and EDAC and RDC made unanimous recommendations for approval by the County Council, and the RDC adopted a Resolution (Resolution No. 2026-02) approving Applicant's Statement of Benefits – Personal Property;

WHEREAS, the Applicant intends to purchase and install the personal property described in Applicant's Application for Economic Revitalization Area and Phase-In of Property Tax with an estimated cost of \$5,452,729.29; and

WHEREAS, the Property meets the criteria for designation as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1 et seq.

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

Section 1. The Warrick County Council has reviewed the Statement of Benefits for Personal Property, the recommendations of EDAC and RDC, the RDC Resolution, and additional information submitted pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1 et seq., and makes the following findings:

- a. The estimate of the cost of the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment is reasonable for equipment of that type; and
- b. With respect to new manufacturing equipment not used to dispose of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or hazardous waste into

energy or other useful products, and new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment, the estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the installation of the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment; and

- c. The estimate of the annual salaries of the individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment; and
- d. With respect to new manufacturing equipment used to dispose of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or hazardous waste into energy or other useful products, the estimate of the amount of solid waste or hazardous waste that will be converted into energy or other useful products can be reasonably expected to result from the installation of the new manufacturing equipment; and
- e. The other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and/or new information technology equipment; and
- f. The totality of benefits to accrue from this project is sufficient to justify the deduction.

Section 2. Based on these findings, the Warrick County Council has determined that the purposes of IC 6-1.1-12.1 et seq. are served by allowing the deduction for personal property, and the Property described above is hereby declared to be an Economic Revitalization Area.

Section 3. The designation of the Economic Revitalization Area shall apply to property tax deductions for personal property taxes.

Section 4. The designation of this Economic Revitalization Area for the Property shall be in effect up to and including May 1, 2031.

Section 5. Deductions for the installation of personal property which takes place within this Economic Revitalization Area shall be allowed for a period of ten (10) years beginning with increases in assessed value resulting from the personal property improvements.


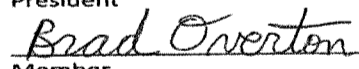
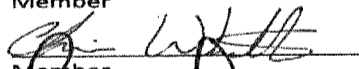

with the abatement schedule to be 100% in year one, 90% in year two, 80% in year three, 70% in year four, 60% in year five, 50% in year six, 40% in year seven, 30% in year eight, 20% in year nine, and 10% in year ten.

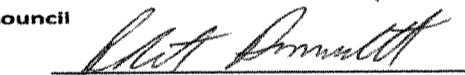
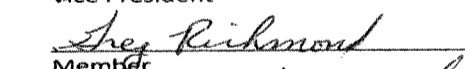
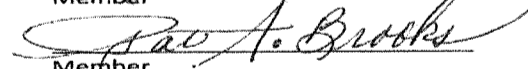
Section 6. The Warrick County Auditor shall cause to be published notice of the adoption and substance of this Resolution in accordance with IC 5-3-1. Such notice complies with IC 6-1.1-12.1-2.5(c).

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and action had confirming, modifying and/or rescinding the same.

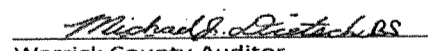
PASSED this 12 day of May, 2026.

Warrick County Council


 President

 Member

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 Vice President

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ATTEST:


 Warrick County Auditor

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, AMENDING SECTION 31.03 OF THE WARRICK COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES (MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES) TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT AT THE STANDARD MILEAGE RATE ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana (the "Council") is the fiscal body of Warrick County, Indiana, and is authorized to adopt ordinances governing county operations pursuant to Indiana Code Section 36-1-3-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service annually establishes and publishes a standard mileage rate for business use of personal vehicles, which rate reflects current fuel costs, vehicle operating expenses, and other relevant factors; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it to be in the best interest of Warrick County to tie the county employee mileage reimbursement rate to the IRS standard mileage rate, thereby ensuring that reimbursement remains current without the need for periodic ordinance amendments; and

WHEREAS, Section 31.03 of the Warrick County Code of Ordinances currently establishes a fixed per-mile reimbursement rate, which the Council desires to amend to reference the IRS standard mileage rate;

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

SECTION 1. Amendment of Sec. 31.03.

Sec. 31.03 of the Warrick County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.03 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

County employees who have been authorized to use their personal vehicles for county business shall be reimbursed at the standard mileage rate for business use of a personal vehicle as established and published by the Internal Revenue Service, as such rate may be adjusted from time to time. If the Internal Revenue Service establishes more than one standard mileage rate for any period, the rate applicable to business use of personal vehicles shall apply. The County Auditor shall publish notice of the applicable rate to department heads whenever the IRS adjusts the rate.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All provisions of the Warrick County Code of Ordinances in conflict with the amendments set forth in this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana, this 12 day of May, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL of WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA

By:

Brad Overton

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ATTEST:

Michael Dietsch

Michael Dietsch, Warrick County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Council Attorney