

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM  
107 W. Locust Street  
Boonville, Indiana  
November 4, 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.

Official 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/channel/UCOK8y7IXcLpK9le8WV4pr9w?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOK8y7IXcLpK9le8WV4pr9w?view_as=subscriber)

Council President Ron Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2025 REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING  
OCTOBER 21, 2025 BUDGET ADOPTION MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 7, 2025 Regular Session Meeting and October 7, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting were presented. Councilman Greg Richmond asked to also add the minutes from the October 21, 2025 Budget Adoption which the Council had received. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes with the amendments that had already been made. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**2. CIRCUIT COURT BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Circuit Court	1000.18320.000.0232	Per Diem Petit Jury	\$50,000.00
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Judge Greg Granger was present. He is only needing half of what was requested, \$25,000.00. This should get them through the rest of the year. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**3A. SHERIFF BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

K-9 Fund	4105.31111.000.0000	Expense	\$2,000.00
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Sheriff Mike Wilder was present. He said that this is just a special fund that they are spending this down. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Rick Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**3B. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Jail	1000.22710.000.0380	Inmate Meals	\$30,000.00
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Sheriff Wilder said that costs are up and they are having a harder time getting vendors to come in. They are spending about \$16,000.00 a month. He did praise his cook and her money saving strategies. Sheriff Wilder does hope that this will get them through the rest of the year. Councilman Chris Whetstine made the motion to approve. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**3C. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Inmate Medical	1174.32000.000.0000	Medical Co-pay	\$5,000.00
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This is another spend down. It is in their own accounts but still has to be appropriated. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**COMMISSARY**

Sheriff Wilder wanted to make the Council aware that they would start seeing large purchases in the Commissary Report. They will be putting back together a tactical force, and they will be using money for equipment and other items. He reviewed the history of having a tactical force and the process of implementing the team. He is sees the need and wants to get it back up and running.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PENSION**

Sheriff Wilder also presented the Sheriff's Department's Pension Report and how it is doing. This is in compliance with state statute. He said theirs is well funded. He will leave the report and will answer any questions at the next meeting. They currently have over \$20 million in the fund.

**4A. PARK & RECREATION BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Park & Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$18,000.00
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Parks Superintendent Ben Labhart was present. This is for a vehicle. They have gone through the budget and have been able to get the ask down to \$10,500.00. Most of their vehicles are in pretty good shape and they just got a vehicle from the Sheriff's Department. This will replace the truck that the laborer will drive. The current truck is in rough shape. He reviewed what funding he would be using in the budget to cover the rest of the cost as well as encumbering funds. There was a brief discussion. Council Whetstine said that he has looked at the current truck and it has a lot of wear and tear on it and needs to be replaced. He is just concerned that Mr. Labhart is using money out of his budget that he might need. Councilman Chris Whetstine made a motion to approve the \$10,500.00. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**NEW TRAIL AT SCALES LAKE**

Mr. Labhart said that the new walking trail has been completed and has gotten people off the main road. It looks nice and he wants to thank the Council for their contribution.

**5A. COMMISSIONER BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

President Bacon read the following into the record:

Post Closure	1166.31111.000.0000	Expense	\$4,500.00
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County Administrator Debbie Bennett-Stearsman was present. There is an outstanding contract that needs to be paid out of the account. There is not enough in the fund to cover it. This is for the methane testing and a mitigation plan. The company is working with IDEM. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**5B. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Courthouse	1000.33000.000.0162	Utilities	\$25,000.00
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Ms. Bennett-Stearsman went over the current line-item balance and what is due. She will be back for more as this will only cover what is currently due. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve the appropriation. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**5C. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Commissioner	1000.31200.000.0068	Legal Services	\$60,000.00
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Ms. Bennett-Stearsman went over the current balances and the outstanding amounts for Legal Services. She is hoping this will take care of the outstanding amount and also cover November and December. She reviewed the lawsuits that are coming up. She is trying to plan for what is coming up. She also briefly reviewed the Juvenile Detention. The Juvenile Detention is a contract. Councilman Overton asked that the Legal Services and Juvenile Detention be taken separately. Councilman Chris Whetstine made a motion to approve \$60,000.00 for Legal Services. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion. The motion carried 4-1-2 with Rick Reid opposing and Pat Brooks and Brad Overton abstaining.

Commissioner	1000.31501.000.0068	Juvenile Detention	\$17,000.00
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Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve the Juvenile Detention. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**5D. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Animal Control Donation	4111.30201.000.0000	Other Services & Charges	\$2,500.00
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Ms. Bennett-Stearsman presented the balance for the Donation Fund. They want to transfer the money to Other Service and Charges. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**5E. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

E911	1222.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$428,000.00
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There are currently outstanding contracts. The list was presented to Council. Councilman Overton asked about Central Square. Sheriff Wilder said that this the new cad system that is used County-wide. It goes live in December

It is used by all the emergency services. They are currently in training. Councilman Richmond wants to see them be more careful with the fund going forward. There was a brief discussion. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CORRECTIONS**

President Bacon read the following into the minutes:

6A. Additional Appropriation - Sheriff reimbursement			
*Sheriff	1000.44300.000.0005	Motorized Equipment	\$13,275.00
6B. Salary Ordinance Sheriff sell back			
	Lieutenant	Sell back 40 hours	\$1,597.12
	Sergeant	Sell back 40 hours	\$1,419.82
	Jail Commander	Sell back 40 hours	\$1,182.23
	Jailer	Sell back 32 hours	\$717.17
6C. Salary Ordinance Sheriff Resignation			
	Dispatcher	resignation pay out 17.5 hours	\$392.20
	Jailer	resignation pay out 10 hours	\$237.20
	Deputy	resignation pay out 143 hours	\$3,949.44

*(November Appropriations are located on Page 4 of these Official Minutes)*

There was a correction made to the Deputy resignation pay out. Ms. Powless corrected from \$3,721.19 to \$3,949.44. Councilwoman Pat Brooks made a motion to approve. Councilman Ron Bacon seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**  
**RESOLUTION TRANSFER HOMESTEAD CREDIT BALANCE**  
**RESOLUTION 2025-08**

President Ron Bacon read the title and number of Resolution 2025-08 into the record:

*Warrick County Council Resolution 2025-08, Resolution of the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana, authorizing a Transfer from Fund 6104 Homestead Credit Rebate to the County General Fund.*

Council Attorney Rhett Gonterman said this was just a matter of housekeeping to take care of a dormant fund to close it out. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

*(Resolution 2025-08 is located on Pages 5 through 6 of these Official Minutes)*

**DISCUSSION 2026 MEETING DATES**

Ms. Powless presented the 2026 meeting dates and said that it is for the Council to review. They will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Two of the dates, which conflicted with the elections, will be held the following Tuesday. This was just for review and will be approved at the next meeting.

**LETTER TO DEPARTMENT HEADS**

President Bacon said that a letter needs to be sent to the Department Heads that the budgets will be very tight for the next couple years and let them know that they need to stay within their budgets. The Council will not entertain appropriations except in cases of emergency. With the lack of extra funding, this needs to be done. The rest of the Council was in agreement. Ms. Powless will draft the letter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ SIGN IN SHEET**

There was no public comment.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

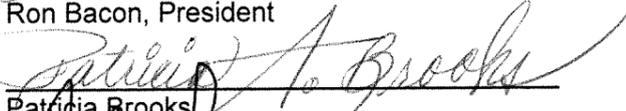
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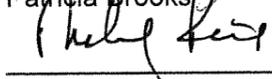
The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Rick Reid made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Ron Bacon seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

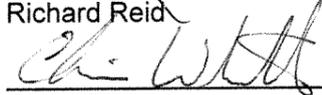
The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

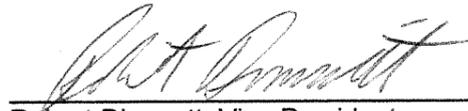
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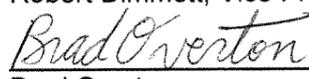
  
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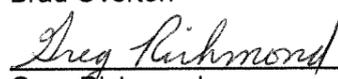
  
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ATTEST:

  
Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor  
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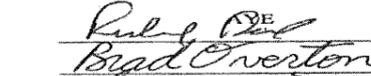
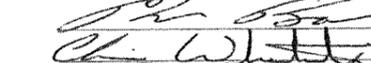
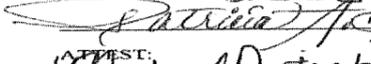
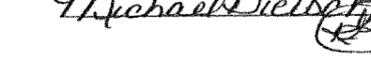
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary

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
Circuit Court	1000.18320.000.0232	Per Diem Petit Jury	\$50,000.00	25,000
K-9 Fund	4105.31111.000.0000	Expense	\$2,000.00	2,000
Sheriff	1000.44300.000.0005	Motorized Equipment	\$13,275.00	13,275
Jail	1000.22710.000.0380	Inmate Meals	\$30,000.00	30,000
Inmate Medical	1174.32000.000.0000	Medical Co-pay	\$5,000.00	5,000
Park & Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$18,000.00	10,500
Post Closure	1166.31111.000.0000	Expense	\$4,500.00	4,500
Courthouse	1000.33000.000.0162	Utilities	\$25,000.00	25,000
Commissioner	1000.31200.000.0068	Legal Services	\$60,000.00	60,000
	1000.31501.000.0068	Juvenile Detention	\$17,000.00	17,000
Animal Control Don.	4111.30201.000.0000	Other Services & Charges	\$2,500.00	2,500
E911	1222.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$428,000.00	428,000

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 4 day of Nov, 2025.

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ATTEST:  Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA,  
AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM FUND 6104 HOMESTEAD CREDIT REBATE  
TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the County Council ("Council") of Warrick County, Indiana ("County") has certain funds remaining in a dormant Homestead Credit Rebate Fund dating back to 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that it will be of public utility and benefit to transfer the funds from the dormant Homestead Credit Rebate Fund into the County General Fund, and the Council now desires to do so as set forth herein.

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

**Section 1.** The Council finds and determines that a transfer of the Homestead Credit Rebate Fund is permitted under Indiana law.

**Section 2.** The Council finds and determines that the amounts being transferred conform to the statutory limitation.

**Section 3.** The Council finds and determines that the transfer is not made from a debt service fund.

**Section 4.** Because of the findings in Sections 1, 2, and 3, *supra*, the Warrick County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer the Homestead Credit Rebate Fund as follows:

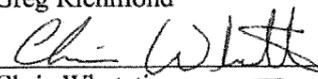
- (a) \$8,188.91 or the balance thereof to the County General Fund (1000).

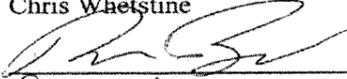
**Section 5.** The President of the Council, County Treasurer, and County Auditor are hereby authorized to take all such actions and to execute all such instruments as are desirable to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, in such forms as such officer or member executing the same shall deem proper, to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof, and any and all actions previously taken, or documents previously executed, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this resolution are hereby ratified and approved.

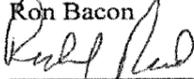
PASSED this 4 day of November, 2025.

Warrick County Council

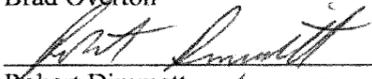
  
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