

**Daviess County Council Meeting  
Minutes  
March 8, 2023**

Meeting began at 9:00 A.M. in the Daviess County Commissioners' Room, Daviess County Government Center. *(The Public was invited to watch a live stream of the meeting, go to [www.daviess.org](http://www.daviess.org) and click "Watch Public Meetings")*

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Darin Holder, Matt Meredith, Mike Myers, Mike Sprinkle, Tom Schaffer, Vice President, Tony Duncheon, President (Not voting). **Absent:** Marilyn McCullough.

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, states that per IC 5-14-1.5(5)(f)(2) under the open-door law policy an administrative meeting is allowed for certain situations. The subject of meeting with State Board of Accounts relative to public funds held for the benefit of Tourism Commission and Visitor's Commission. Mr. Swartzentruber has requested all funds currently outside the county that were taxed under specific Indiana code provisions come back into the county fund 1127 by the Daviess County Auditor. Also, requesting to modify certain ordinances and processes to accomplish the goals of the administrative meeting with the Tourism Commission and the Visitor's Commission.

**Motion:** Approve to bring outside funds back to County Fund 1127 & modify ordinances and processes to coordinate accurately with Tourism and Visitors Commission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Matt Meredith, **Seconded by** Tom Schaffer, Vice President. Mike sprinkle abstains due to absent of administrative meeting.

**MEETING MINUTES 2/8/2023**

**Motion:** Approve meeting minutes for 2/8/2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom Schaffer, Vice President, **Seconded by** Matt Meredith.

Motion passed unanimously.

**SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT- JUDGE SOBECKI**

Superior Court

Overtime- 15025 \$2,140.00

Honorable Judge Dean Sobecki came before the Council with a request to payout for a current employee that accumulated overtime training a new employee. Approval is needed for the salary ordinance amendment.

**Motion:** Approve Salary Ordinance Amendment for Superior Court, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Myers, **Seconded by** Tom Schaffer, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

**VISITORS BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT**

Joe Morris, Daviess County Visitor's Bureau, presented the Council with an annual report from the past year. The Visitor's Bureau has collected a total of \$275,80.85 so far with their fiscal year starting from July to the end of June. Mr. Morris continued to talk about several events that are coming and have been in Daviess County this past year. During budget time in September 2022, it was requested for an increase in budget which was approved for a certain task, but the increase was redirected into a special project fund. Mr. Morris states that they have been a part of many corporate, agricultural, and livestock events

within Daviess County and the state of Indiana. With the increase in innkeepers' tax, Mr. Morris states that it has helped consider marketing strategies on Daviess County moving forward.

**DISCOVER DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON QUICK IMPACT FACADE GRANT PROGRAM- JEREMY ADAMS doc1, doc2, doc3**

Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director of Daviess County Economic Development Corporation and a member of Discover Downtown Washington, came before the Council to discuss the Quick Impact Façade Grant Program. Discover Downtown Washington is a new organization focused on revitalizing the downtown district. This program will be quick improvements to the exteriors of the buildings within downtown Washington. The Commissioners initially approved \$20,000.00 coming out of Edit (1112) on 2-28-2023 with final decision coming from Council. Mr. Niehoff states a grant committee will meet monthly to review grant applications. The organization is requesting \$20,000.00 from the County and \$20,000.00 from the City of Washington to help with the project. The total amount from both City and County is \$40,000.00 with \$35,000.00 being used for facade grant and \$5,000.00 to be used for administrative costs. Mike Myers comments that he is in full support of this project but wants final approval established from all governing bodies before marketing the counties participation in the future.

**Motion:** Approve \$20,000.00 for the Discover Downtown Washington Quick Impact Façade Grant Program coming from Edit (1112), **Action:** Approve, Moved by Matt Meredith, Seconded by Tom Schaffer, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

**WESTGATE-STRONGBOX- Sb1, Agreement, Application**

Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director of Daviess County Economic Development Corporation, came before the Council to discuss the Westgate One LLC (Strongbox Commercial) real property tax abatement. Westgate One originally came before the Council with four operating companies applying for a 20-year personal tax abatement and was approved on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Westgate One (Strongbox Commercial) is now applying for a 10-year real property tax abatement. Paul Kite, representative for Westgate One, states the company has explored different options including a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) for other buildings in the future but as of now they are just applying for a tax abatement. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, explains that this can be approved within two Council meetings due to Council establishing this area as an ERA (Economic Revitalization Area) on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Swartzentruber explains that this is a 10-year real property tax abatement at 100% for years 1 through 10 with year 11 starting full taxes being paid on property. Mr. Niehoff states there will be two Economic Development agreements with Westgate One (Strongbox Commercial) and with the four operating companies (NHanced Semiconductors, Inc, Everspin Technologies, Inc., Trusted Semiconductor Solutions, Inc. and Reliable MicroSystems, LLC) that hopefully will be ready to present to the Council in April. Mike Sprinkle, Daviess County Council, asks when is the expected time of completion? Mr. Kite states this project needs to be completed and online by the first of January 2025. Mr. Kite discussed the possibility of equipment being moved into a temporary space before the end of the year to start producing on a smaller scale. Mr. Kite also went into detail on the Upland Science and Technology Foundation working on a grant to upgrade Utilities (water, sewer and electricity) in this area. Mr. Kite explained that on the original SB-1 and application it states a 100,000 sq ft building but is now a 125,000 sq ft building and will be updated on future documents.

**Motion:** Approve proceeding with SB-1 for Westgate One, LLC at April Council meeting on 4/12/2023

**Action:** Approve, Moved by Mike Sprinkle, Seconded by Matt Meredith.

Motion passed unanimously.

**IRACS UPDATE JUNE 2022-JANUARY 2023-VANESSA PHILLIPS**

Vanessa Phillips, Daviess County Supervisor of the IRACS (Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support) program, came before the Council to give an update on the IRACS program. The IRACS

program in Daviess County is one of five pilot sites in the state of Indiana. The IRACS program works with incarcerated individuals to help navigate them into correct programming and services after release. Some of the IRACS benefits include helping inmates obtain a social security card, a birth certificate, identification card, and employment. Ms. Phillips states the Indiana BMV has visited the jail twice and helped obtain 80 total updated identification cards. Ms. Phillips states the Daviess County Health Department has helped to obtain around 30-35 birth certificates. The Health Resources Navigator visits the jail every Friday to help ensure individuals are enrolled in Primary Health Care and Behavioral Health Care Services. Ms. Phillips states that her team is trained in an evidence-based model called Matrix. Matrix is a unique program used in clinical facilities and facilitated by peer recovery coaches. Ms. Phillips emphasized that they try keep services local in the community so the IRACS program can continue to support individuals and make sure they're successful after being released. Darin Holder, Daviess County Council, asked how receptive the inmates are in understanding what IRACS is trying to do for them? Ms. Phillips explains that in January 2023, the state came down to talk to different Community Partners to gather data on the progress. Ms. Phillips explains the report they received was nothing but positive feedback. Some positive feedback they received were a decrease in escalated situations, and better engagement with Correctional staff. Ms. Phillips also talked about the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). The SIM is a justice modality that looks at SIM on a scale of 0 -5 which involves Community Partners, court system, law enforcement, first responders, peer recovery services, Community Corrections and probation. The Daviess County IRACS program falls under SIM 2 which is incarcerated reentry population. The IRACS program is continually looking for unique ways to help individuals reintegrate into the community. A typical process for someone incarcerated is to bond out or they wait until their initial hearing. IRACS is exploring treatment options for these incarcerated individuals besides traditional process. Ms. Phillips states that currently the pilot period is set to finish at the end of May but there are conversations of continuation. The five pilot sites are expected to continue into year two through grant funding by state or Recovery Works funding.

**DARAC (DAVISS ADVANCES RECOVERY ACCESS CONSORTIUM)/ OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS- BRIAN PEEK & LAURA PETTY- doc1, doc2, doc3**

Laura Petty, Executive Director of Daviess County Community Corrections, came before the Council to represent DARAC (Daviess Advances Recovery Access Consortium)/ Opioid Settlement Funds. Ms. Petty states that this group was created a couple of years ago when grant opportunities arose for the opioid crisis. The County received funding in two separate funds, Opioid Restricted Funds 1237 and Opioid Unrestricted Funds 1238. DARAC have come up with two proposals for these funds. Ms. Petty states that over several years the amount for unrestricted funds should be around \$286,000 and \$668,000 in restricted funds. Ms. Petty states in the restricted funds there would be eight consortium members that will address opioid and other substance use disorders and mental health concerns by facilitating activities. Daviess County Community Corrections, Daviess County Jail, Daviess County Peer Recovery Services, Inc., West Boggs Park, Washington High School, Youth First, Daviess Community Hospital and REAL Recovery will provide within the guidelines of Exhibit E remediation uses of Opioid Restricted Fund use. Ms. Petty's unrestricted proposal use of funds will be to help Daviess County Community Corrections, Daviess County Sheriff's Department, West Boggs Park, Purdue Extension, Youth First, and Bethany Christian Church. The funds will help already existing programs sustain the important work they are doing in and for the County. All use of funds will be reported into detail back to DARAC then they will submit back to the state. Reporting will include meeting the specific guidelines and certain deadlines in order to receive funding through the Opioid Restricted and unrestricted funds. Ms. Petty states the proposals will not affect the County's budget because they are separate funds. Ms. Petty will be meeting with the Auditor's office to submit additional appropriations to present for the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. **Motion:** Approve DARAC proposal for Opioid Restricted (1237) and Unrestricted funds (1238) as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darin Holder, **Seconded by** Mike Sprinkle.

Motion passed unanimously.

**SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

a.) **Local Health Maintenance**

TB Provider Salary- \$24,404.00 annual \$250.00 hourly

**Motion:** Approve Salary Ordinance Amendment for Health Department **Action:** Approve Moved by Matt Meredith, Seconded by Darin Holder.

Motion passed unanimously.

b.) **Childhood Blood Lead Level Grant**

Wages-11001- \$12,575.19 Annual \$1,769.45/case

**Motion:** Approve Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Health Department, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Mike Sprinkle, Seconded by Tom Schaffer, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

c.) **Plat Book- 1181**

Mapping Manager 11116-\$32,308.00 annual \$1,538.46 bi-weekly

**Motion:** Approve Salary Ordinance Amendment for Mapping Department, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Mike Myers, Seconded by Darin Holder

Motion passed unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**COUNTY GENERAL - Report**

<u>SUPERIOR-OVERTIME</u>	\$2,140.00
<u>SUPERIOR-SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE</u>	\$164.00
<u>SUPERIOR-PERF</u>	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,544.00</b>

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Mike Myers, Seconded by Tom Schaffer, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**EDIT - Report**

<u>COMMONS PROJECT</u>	\$150,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented, **Action:** Approve Moved by Matt Meredith, Seconded by Darin Holder.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**REVOLVING FUND**

<u>COMMONS PROJECT</u>	\$150,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Matt Meredith, Seconded by Darin Holder.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**CUMULATIVE CAP DEVELOPMENT**

<u>CONSULTING SERVICES</u>	\$600,000.00
<u>CONSTRUCTION MGR/OWNER'S REP</u>	\$50,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$650,000.00</b>

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Sprinkle, **Seconded by** Matt Meredith.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**PLAT BOOK**

<u>MAPPING MANAGER</u>	\$32,308.00
<u>SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE</u>	\$2,472.00
<u>PERF</u>	\$3,620.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,400.00</b>

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Mike Myers. **Seconded by** Darin Holder,  
Motion passed unanimously.

**LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE- Report**

<u>TB PROVIDER SALARY</u>	\$20,000.00
<u>SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE</u>	\$1,500.00
<u>COMMNICABLE DISEASE TESTING</u>	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Matt Meredith, **Seconded by** Darin Holder.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**CHILDHOOD BLOOD LEAD LEVEL GRANT-  
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<u>WAGES</u>	\$12,575.19
<u>SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE</u>	\$1,185.46
<u>PERF</u>	\$1,735.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,496.23</b>

**GRAND TOTAL** \$1,030,440.23

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Sprinkle, **Seconded by** Tom Schaffer, Vice President.

**DAVISS COUNTY SOLID WASTE**

<u>STONE</u>	\$75,000.00
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HEAVY EQUIPMENT

\$665,092.00

**TOTAL DCSW \$740,092.00**

**Motion:** Additional Appropriations, approved as presented,

**Action:** Approve Moved by Mike Sprinkle, Seconded by Darin Holder.

Motion passed unanimously.

**1. INFORMATION**

- a. DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
01/10/2023


**ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Approve to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, Moved by Mike Myers, Seconded by Mike Sprinkle.

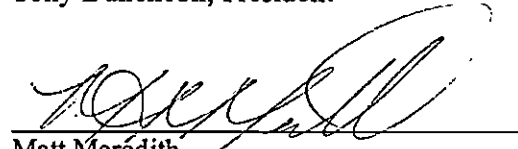
Motion passed unanimously.

**FUND BALANCE**

**EXCEL**

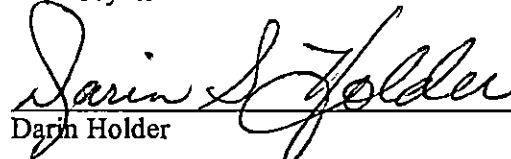
  
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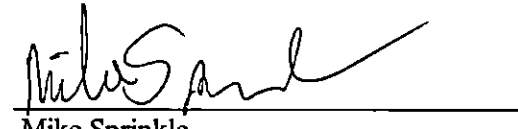
  
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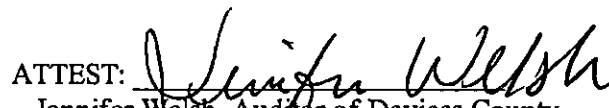
  
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Jennifer Welsh, Auditor of Daviess County