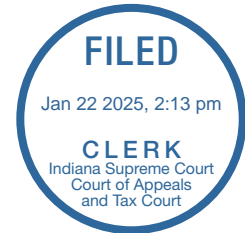


In the Indiana Supreme Court

In re: Order for Mandate of Funds Jackson
Circuit Court

Supreme Court Case Nos.
25S-CB-17
23S-SJ-336

Trial Court Case No.
36C01-2311-MI-86



Order

On April 15, 2024, the Hon. Richard Poynter of the Jackson Circuit Court issued an Amended Order for Mandate of Funds directing the Jackson County Council to either increase the compensation of the Circuit Court's four employees or alternatively reinstate funding for an eliminated fifth staff position. We appointed the Hon. Gregory F. Zoeller as Special Judge to preside over the trial of this matter as specified in Indiana Trial Rule 60.5.

On October 15, 2024, Special Judge Zoeller issued "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment" in favor of the County Council. Judge Poynter then filed a "Petition for Supreme Court Review" asking us to review that Judgment.

Pursuant to Appellate Rule 61, the Court now DIRECTS as follows:

1. The court reporter, trial court clerk, and parties shall proceed, to the greatest extent possible, under the Indiana Appellate Rules.
2. The parties are directed to file all pleadings in this matter into case number 25S-CB-17.
3. The trial court clerk shall assemble the Clerk's Record and issue a Notice of Completion of Clerk's Record, *see* Ind. Appellate Rule 10, and the court reporter shall submit any transcript(s) of proceedings, *see* App. R. 11, as soon as possible, and in any event, **no later than February 21, 2025**.
4. Counsel shall prepare and file any necessary appendix of relevant trial court filings or exhibits, as provided in Appellate Rules 49–51 **no later than February 21, 2025**.
5. The County Council shall file a response to the Circuit Court's Petition for Supreme Court Review **no later than March 14, 2025**, *see* App. R. 57(D).
6. The Circuit Court may file a reply brief **no later than ten (10) days**, *see* App. R. 57(E), after receiving the response brief from the County Council.
7. **No extensions of time for assembling the Clerk's Record or filing briefs will be permitted absent extraordinary circumstances.**

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Contemporaneous with this Order, the Court has determined the above-captioned case merits oral argument. The argument will be conducted in the Courtroom of the Indiana Supreme Court, 317 Statehouse, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana on:

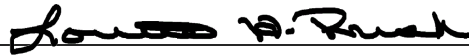
Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

The argument will be forty minutes in length, equally divided between the parties. The Jackson Circuit Court shall argue first.

Attorneys of record shall file an acknowledgement of the oral argument setting **no later than fifteen days after service of this order** and should arrive at least twenty minutes before the scheduled start of the argument to complete an appearance form. Important information about oral argument procedures is in Appellate Rules 52 and 53, and on the internet at <https://www.in.gov/courts/supreme/arguments/instructions/>.

Questions regarding procedure and briefing should be directed to Elizabeth Daulton, Supervisor of Supreme Court Services, at (317) 233-8700 or Elizabeth.Daulton@courts.IN.gov.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 1/22/2025.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.