

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
COUNCIL/COMMISSIONER ROOM,
ROOM 103, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
100 E MAIN ST., CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN

The June 12, 2018 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the Montgomery County Courthouse in the Council Room. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Mark Smith, Mark Davidson, Greg Morrison and Richard Chastain. Auditor Jennifer Andel and Attorney Rob Reimondo were present, as well as Commissioner John Frey and Attorney Dan Taylor.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Prayer given by Councilman Mills.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the May 15, 2018 minutes as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:
 - A. April Johnson, Madison Township, spoke against allowing abatements for wind farm companies, specifically Apex. She also questioned inviting a company into our county who threatens litigation against Darlington for trying to protect their citizens.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS:
 - A. Transfers: \$150.00 from COGEN – Superior 2 – Law Clerk (1000.0202.430.431.0.0019) to Judge Protem (1000.0202.430.431.0.0023). A motion to approve as made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Jeff Peters - Resolution 2018-2 - RDC Lease with Redevelopment Authority, Trust Indenture: Mr. Peters explained it will be funded using RDC/TIF revenues, but it is secured through the county. He insisted there is no expectation to use the property tax as back-up, but it helps garner a better interest rate and secure investors. He also reminded the Council this is how the jail and school bonds are set up. Councilman Davidson asked for more time to review, but Attorney Taylor stated that would impact the construction timeline. Council President Hockersmith wanted to know if the interest rate had risen past the prior 1.5%, to which Peters estimated it would be in the 3% range, but said they wouldn't know until it bids. Hockersmith expressed his concerns about how TIFs seem to be "never ending" and used the city TIFs as an example; stating that the city TIF has expanded from the south side of town to the north with money going to pay for projects not connected to the south side TIF. His concern was that the prospective county TIF on 231 South would touch borders with the Nucor TIF and money could go from Nucor to the new TIF. Councilman Booth stated the economic development plan added water. Davidson spoke in favor of visionary planning, as it "got us where we are today", referencing the Nucor sewage expansion. He felt comprehensive planning involved wasted money on consultants who "tell us what we already know".
 - a. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Chastain, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 6-1, with Council President Hockersmith in opposition.
 - B. RDC Excess TIF AV Determination Report: Attorney Taylor indicated there was no taxing unit involved in attendance, therefore assuming no objections.
 - a. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
 - C. General Abatement Discussion:
 - a. Auditor Andel stated the deadline to turn in abatements had ended and asked if anyone knew of any changes since last year. Councilman Booth stated there were no new abatement requests under review.
 - b. Councilman Davidson wants the council to rescind an abatement granted to Cool Energy in 2013, as they have not fulfilled their end of the contract and the SB1 (Statement of Benefits) was never signed. Attorney Reimondo explained there was no SB1 (Statement of Benefits) on file for Cool Energy. Auditor Andel added, without any property in county, there is nothing to abate.
 - D. Set 2019 Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption Meeting Dates: Auditor Andel proposed September 11 for Public Hearing and October 9 for Budget Adoption. She also suggested the council hold evening meetings, similar to last year, to give the departments an opportunity to present. A motion to approve the Budget Hearing and Adoption Dates was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS: None.
- VII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:
 - A. Auditor Andel:
 - a. Andel announced she had the new Form 1's from her vendor and would be forwarding to the department heads after her review. She asked the council for guidelines on salaries, as the ERPS

Committee was not quite done with their proposal. Councilman and ERPS Committee member Booth stated they are very close to completion and suggested departments use last year's salaries until ERPS is presented/approved.

- b. Andel stated the county had received the certified collection on Thursday, June 7th and it was looking fairly standard but had not yet been approved. She was working on Form 22's.
- c. Andel announced she had received notice from SBOA that there would be a special one-time LIT distribution. It had been discovered there was a miscalculation on income taxes due to our county from the Indiana Dept. of Revenue.

B. Sheriff Casteel:

- a. Casteel asked for clarification on the salaries for Form 1's. Councilman Booth assured him no one should go backwards at this time and to leave the salaries as per last year until the ERPS Committee has completed their proposal. Auditor Andel added that the stipend should remain separate from the salary line, at this time.
- b. Casteel also stated the ballards at the jail were installed and came in under budget. He thanked the council for making that a priority.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

A. Jim Peck, County Engineer, gave a very thorough presentation on his long-term plan for the county with regards to roads, bridges, thoroughfares, ditches, sewage and water mains. He was commended by several on the council for his hard work and forward thinking. Councilman Davidson encouraged the use of Duraberm, where applicable, since it is low-cost and made in this county.

IX. FUNDED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

A. West Central Solid Waste: Councilman Mills announced the next Tox-Away Day is June 23rd at NMHS.

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

A. Councilman Mark Smith requested an update to the findings from the Wabash students regarding the Homestead deductions. Auditor Andel explained the commissioner's hired TMA who discovered a potential 53 parcels using the deduction improperly. Her office is doing further investigation into those parcels. If one is found to be ineligible, a letter will be mailed giving one more chance to prove their eligibility. After that, her office will go back three years plus penalties and interest with 30 days to pay. Otherwise, a lien will be placed against the parcel.

XI. CLAIMS:

A. Peters Municipal Consultants, LTD - \$6,022.01

B. Capper, Tulley & Reimondo - \$3,582.00

- a. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Deanna Durrett asked when abatements were due. Auditor Andel answered they are due every May 15th, but council can still approve. Andel plans on presenting for approval at the July meeting.


XIII. INSERT – Next Regular Council Meeting: July 10, 2018.


XIV. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Council President Hockersmith. Motion carried 7-0.


Terry Hockersmith, President

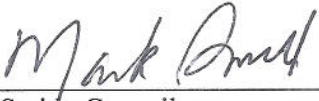

Gary Booth, Vice President


Richard Chastain, Councilman


Mark Davidson, Councilman


Don Mills, Councilman


Greg Morrison, Councilman


Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:


Jennifer Andel, Auditor