

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 12, 2024

The November 12, 2024, Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the Community Meeting Room of the Montgomery County Government Center. In attendance were Council Members Jake Bohlander, Gary Booth, Brett Cating, David Hunt, Joyce Grimbale, Steve Loy, and Matt Nelson. Chief Deputy Auditor Jennifer Andel, County Administrator Tom Klein, and Attorney Dan Taylor were also present.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hunt called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda, minus October 28th minutes, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 7-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

IV. MONEY MATTERS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
9110	IC/JLE Train Gmt & a Handgun	0005	Sheriff	20500	Ammunition and Firearm Supplies	\$46,161.00
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30009	Aerial Photography	\$3,993.44
1237	Opioid Restricted Portion	0610	Health	20450	Education & Prevention	\$54,737.47
1237	Opioid Restricted Portion	0610	Health	30199	Harm Reduction	\$1,550.00
1237	Opioid Restricted Portion	0610	Health	30131	Intervention/Treatment/Recovery	\$116,321.00
1237	Opioid Restricted Portion	0610	Health	30132	Justice Services	\$19,000.00
8130	Bulletproof Vest Grant	0005	Sheriff	44500	Equipment	\$668.50
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	30128	I.T.	\$20,132.63
1000	County General	0011	Extension Office	30001	Travel Expenses	\$500.00

A. Council Member Cating moved to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 7-0.

B. Council Member Booth moved to approve the EM-HS Department's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 7-0.

C. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Health Department's additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale and carried 7-0.

D. Council Member Loy moved to approve the MCCCC's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale and carried 7-0.

E. Council Member Bohlander moved to approve the Extension Office's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 7-0.

REDUCTION of APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Reduction Amount Requested
1000	County General	0235	Probation	11225	Salary	\$8,000.00

A. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the budget reduction requested by the Probation Department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale, and carried 7-0.

TRANSFER of APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
1222	CCC	0303	MCCCC	11021	O.T.	12065	H.S.A.	\$3,000.00
1222	CCC	0303	MCCCC	11406	Dispatcher	12050	Group Insurance	\$9,500.00
1000	County General	0379	Courthouse Security	11439	CH Security RK	11040	CH Security NP	\$11,000.00
1000	County General	0308	Weights & Measures	56601	Insurance Reimbursement	30001	Travel Expenses	\$500.00
1000	County General	0007	Coroner	22011	Expendables/Gloves/PPE	30210	Autopsy Fees	\$500.00
1000	County General	0007	Coroner	24201	Office Supplies	30210	Autopsy Fees	\$400.00
1000	County General	0007	Coroner	44500	Equipment	30210	Autopsy Fees	\$5,000.00

- A. Council Member Cating moved to approve the transfers requested by MCCCC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale, and carried 7-0.
- B. Council Member Bohlander moved to approve the transfer requested for Courthouse Security. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson, and carried 7-0.
- C. Council Member Cating moved to approve the transfer requested by the Weights & Measures Department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bohlander, and carried 7-0.
- D. Council Member Bohlander moved to approve the transfers requested by the Coroner. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale, and carried 7-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council Member Loy opened discussion with the rest of the Council about setting up a separate fund using the interest to set aside for Early Learning Center (ELC) funding. The ELC has requested \$125,000 per year for 5 years. Attorney Taylor explained that the process would be requesting that the Commissioners set up a non-reverting fund for that via ordinance, and then the Council would determine how the cash was transferred into it, and set up a budget for it. Its usage would be limited to the items listed in said Commissioner ordinance. Council Member Loy asked for interest amounts that had been earned, so Chief Deputy Auditor Andel agreed to send him that data.
- B. The Darlington Public Library Board had requested the reappointment of Teresa Sutherlin to the board. She is currently serving her third term and is also serving as President of the board. A motion to appoint Teresa Sutherlin to the Darlington Public Library Board as requested was made by Council Member Bohlander. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy, and carried 7-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VII. REPORTS:

- A. County Administrator Tom Klein reported that the work on Purple Heart Parkway was close to wrapping up. He said that traffic poles and stripes were being worked on this week, and that the ribbon cutting would be happening soon.
- B. Attorney Taylor spoke to the Council about the Wheel and Surtax changes that had been discussed at the last meeting. He provided them with sample drafts of an ordinance that would need to be passed prior to September of 2025 in order to be effective for 2026.
- C. Highway Director Jake Lough reported that he would be happy to provide a presentation about the proposed uses of the additional Wheel and Surtax funding. The presentation is ready whenever the Council is ready to see it.
- D. Council Member Cating thanked the Veterans and the Treasurer for all they do.
- E. Council Member Grimbale praised those in charge of the Veteran's Day parade, and thanked them for their efforts.
- F. Council Member Loy discussed the amount of the overall budget that is used by the criminal justice departments. He asked that all on the team make a commitment to coming up with ways of cutting the jail population.
- G. Council Member Hunt welcomed incoming Council Member Mike Warren, and wished Council Member Bohlander well. Council Member Hunt will be absent for the December meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

- IX. NEXT MEETING: The next regular Council meeting will be on December 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109.
- X. ADJOURN: Council Member Bohlander made a motion to adjourn the regular Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Grimbale. Motion carried 7-0.

David Hunt, Council President


Jake Bonlander, Council Vice President

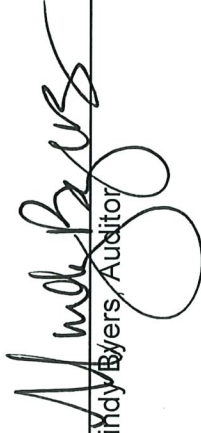

Gary Booth, Council Member


Brett Cating, Council Member


Joyce Grimbale, Council Member


Steve Loy, Council Member

Matt Nelson, Council Member

Attest:

Mindy Byers, Auditor

