# MINUTES MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

The Montgomery County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 8:00 am at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: President, John E. Frey; Vice President James D. Fulwider; and Commissioner Dan Guard.

Also present: County Attorney Dan Taylor; County Administrator Tom Klein; Auditor Mindy Byers; Building Administrator Marc Bonwell; Sheriff Ryan Needham; Highway Director Jake Lough; Health Administrator Adrianne Northcutt; EM-HS Director Jessica Burget; 911 Director Sherri Henry; Chief Deputy Assessor Peggy Grayson; Mapping Director Mike Davis; Chief Probation Officer Andria Giegle and Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

### **PLEDGE & PRAYER**

Board President Commissioner John Frey led the pledge of allegiance and Dan Guard led the prayer.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Claims: February 27, 2023 to March 13, 2023

Payroll 3/10: \$408,480.32

Accounts Payable: \$7,701,148.35 - Total Less RDC \$2,763,718.35

**Minutes:** February 27, 2023 Approving Motorola Contract

The Motorola contract is for the purchase of the radio consoles for the Central Communications Center (CCC). The CCC Governing Board and the Commissioners have approved the purchase and staff is seeking approval of the contract with Motorola. The Council will consider the approval of the purchase and the loan with Tri-County at their March 14 meeting.

## Acknowledge Receipt of RDC 2022 Annual Report

RDC's (Redevelopment Corporation) are required to annually file an annual report with the County Executive (Commissioners) and the County Fiscal Body (Council). After approvals the annual reports are submitted to the DLGF by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Guard moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Request to Name Private Driveway - Ruth/Jason Leaming

Mapping Director Mike Davis stated Ruth/Jason Leaming want to name the private drive Leaming Lane located on the Leaming property outside of the City limits on 136E. There are currently three homes located on the drive and a possibility of more in the future.

Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve to name the private drive on the Leaming property Leaming Lane. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried. 3-0 votes in favor.

## Authorizing the Serving of Alcohol at Event at the Government Center

County Administrator Tom Klein stated on April 22, Athens Arts is hosting an event in which attendees, in groups of 20, will visit four art galleries in Crawfordsville to view the art, listen to music, enjoy finger foods and taste some wine. They have requested that the County Government Center Art Gallery be included as part of the event.

The wine tasting will involve tasting two types of wine in two glasses of 1 to 1.5 ounces. The wine will be served by a licensed bartender. Athens Arts will obtain the necessary state permits and sign an indemnification agreement. Athens Arts is seeking authorization to utilize the County Government Center as one of the sites for the event and they are also seeking authorization to serve wine during the event at the County Government Center. Commissioner Fulwider moved to Authorizing the Serving of Alcohol at the County Government Center Art Gallery event on April 22, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried. 3-0 votes in favor.

## Award Bid & Issue Notice to Proceed for CCMG Paving Project

Highway Director Jake Lough recommended Awarding the Community Crossing Matching Grant bid to Reith & Riley for the amount of \$1,214,158.05. Reith & Riley was the lowest and most responsible bidder. Montgomery County was awarded \$999,542.03 from the State of Indiana our match will be \$249,885.51. This will be used to pave 6.678 miles and those roads are:

CR 500 S from SR 231 to SR 47
CR 100 W from New Market Limits to CR 500S
CR 500 E from CR 300 N to SR 47
CR 200 E from 150 S to Elmore Street
Traction Road from CR 400 E to City Limits
CR 300 S from SR 47 to US 231

Commissioner Guard moved to award the CCMG paving project to Reith & Riley. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. 3-0 votes in favor. Motion carried.

## Approving Expense from ARPA

Staff is seeking authorization to reimburse the County Surveyor from the ARPA fund for the engineering expenses of the Claude Moody drainage project in Mace. The engineer is Clark Dietz and the estimated cost for reimbursement is \$217,016.91. ARPA funds were used to fund a portion of the construction costs, as well.

Commissioner Guard moved to approve authorization to reimburse the County Surveyor for engineering expenses on the Claude Moody drainage project in May. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. 3-0 votes in favor. Motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Attorney Taylor requested the Commissioners suspend the rules and add Introduction to Ordinance 2023-1. Commissioner Fulwider moved to suspend the rules to add Introduction to Ordinance 2023-1. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. 3-0 votes in favor. Motion carried.

## Introduction Ordinance 2023-1 An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund

Attorney Taylor stated the Ordinance will Re-Establish the Cumulative Bridge Fund as required by Indiana Code. The tax rate for 2023 for the Cumulative Bridge Fund is \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the next Commissioners' meeting on March 27, 2023. The proposed ordinance will be published 2x's in the two local newspapers.

Attorney Taylor stated in previous years the Commissioners would approve Re-Establishing the CCD rate as well, due to recent legislative changes, Counties are no long required to Re-Establish the CCD rate.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

County Administrator Tom Klein stated that Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> will be a luncheon for all County Employees at the Government Center. Treasurer Heather Laffoon will also be celebrating a birthday on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Guard moved to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0 votes in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:13 am.

Minutes prepared by Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 8:00 am @ Montgomery County Government Center-Room E-109.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

John E. Frey, Board President

Attest:

Mindy Byers,