

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 10, 2024

The December 10, 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, Joyce Grimbale, and Steve Loy. Auditor Mindy Byers, County Administrator Tom Klein, and Attorney Dan Taylor were also present.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council Vice President Bohlander called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Council Member Grimbale moved to approve the October 28 and November 12 meeting minutes, and asked that a couple of small edits be made to the October 28th minutes regarding the titles of two people who spoke on behalf of the Early Learning Center. Her motion was seconded by Council Member Loy. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Council Member Booth moved to approve the claims and accept/acknowledge the same series transfer report and schedule of balances. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating; motion carried 5-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS:

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount
1000	County General	0104	Clerk - Election Exp	11614	Precinct Board Members	11314	Absentee Voters Board	\$2,622.50
1000	County General	0271	Public Defender	11621	Deputy Public Defender	11521	Chief Deputy Public Defender	\$1,036.57
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	24201	Office Supplies	30143	Printer Maintenance	\$10.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11235	Officer	11215	Officer	\$8,700.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11250	Officer	11209	Officer	\$5,700.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11851	SRO	11005	Additional Duty Pay	\$1,000.00
1191	Riverboat	0068	Commissioners	31123	Long Term Marketing	54	Elected Official 401A Contribution	\$24,769.08
1222	Statewide 911	0303	MCCCC	11021	O.T.	12005	MED/SS/INPRS	\$7,500.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11313	Dispatcher	11021	O.T.	\$5,000.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11307	Dispatcher	11021	O.T.	\$5,000.00
4911	Pretrial	0009	Prosecutor	44542	Special Equipment	11021	O.T.	\$2,306.88
TOTAL:								\$63,645.03

- A. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Clerk's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 5-0.
- B. Council Member Grimbale moved to approve the Public Defender's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 5-0.
- C. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Surveyor's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale and carried 5-0.
- D. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Sheriff's transfer requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 5-0.
- E. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Commissioner's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bohlander and carried 5-0.
- F. Council Member Booth moved to approve the MCCCC's transfer requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale and carried 5-0.
- G. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Prosecutor's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1235	CCC	0303	CCC	44500	Equipment	\$7,912.00
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	21500	Training Supplies	\$5,000.00
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	21940	Hazmat Clean Up	\$14,680.39
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	30091	Meetings	\$4,568.15
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	30167	Emergency Planning	\$5,000.00
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	30800	Printing & Advertising	\$51.62
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	33500	Seminars & Training	\$10,000.00
9118	2024 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30187	Mentor Services/Training	\$250.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	11028	Salary	\$81,793.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	\$15,417.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	20064	Barrier Busters	\$2,500.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$2,000.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	\$5,000.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	11522	Salary	\$81,077.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	\$16,290.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	12050	Group Insurance	\$8,710.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	\$5,000.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30173	Mentor Coordinator	\$6,000.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30183	Participant Services	\$1,500.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	11027	Salary	\$69,321.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	\$8,120.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	\$2,400.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	30037	Cell Phone	\$600.00
9193	2025 Probation Opioiid Grant	0235	Probation	24202	Supplies	\$1,550.00
9194	2025 FRC Opioiid Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	\$5,000.00
9194	2025 FRC Opioiid Grant	0235	Probation	20064	Barrier Busters	\$4,000.00
9195	2025 Drug Court Opioiid Grant	0235	Probation	20064	Barrier Busters	\$5,000.00
9195	2025 Drug Court Opioiid Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	\$5,000.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	11026	Salary	\$69,321.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	11524	Salary	\$63,473.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	\$25,029.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	21000	Fuel	\$1,500.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	12050	Group Insurance	\$867.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	\$3,500.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	30037	Cell Phone	\$1,200.00
TOTAL:						\$538,630.16

- A. Council Member Booth moved to approve the MCCCC's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy, and carried 5-0.
- B. Council Member Booth moved to approve the EM-HS Department's additional appropriation requests for LEPC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating, and carried 5-0.
- C. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Probation Department's additional appropriation requests for multiple FY25 grants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale, and carried 5-0.

REDUCTION of APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Maximum Reduction Amount Requested
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	11702	Property Deputy	\$400.00
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	30800	Printing & Advertising	\$4,000.00
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	32100	Dues & Subscriptions	\$500.00
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	33500	Seminars & Training	\$1,500.00
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	11168	Part Time	\$1,017.50
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	24201	Office Supplies	\$2,057.98
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	32100	Office Supplies	\$11.86
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30099	Software & License Maint	\$28.64
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30005	Mileage	\$232.66
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30200	Collection Fees	\$2,421.52
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30006	Tax Bill Preparation	\$1,510.43
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	44500	Office Equipment	\$1,000.00
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	11106	Drainage Tech	\$28,303.26
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	11168	Part Time Clerical	\$7,991.65
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	11176	Travel Board Members	\$100.00
1000	County General	0011	Purdue Ext Office	30028	Cleaning Service	\$475.00
1000	County General	0011	Purdue Ext Office	44400	Computer Software	\$220.00
1000	County General	0063	Drainage Board	33500	Seminars/Training	\$150.00
1222	County General	0063	Drainage Board	11463	Special Board Member Salar	\$300.00
1235	Statewide 911	0303	MCCCC	11406	Dispatcher	\$1,500.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11212	Dispatcher	\$2,891.59
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11413	Dispatcher	\$9,000.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11414	Dispatcher	\$2,500.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11613	Dispatcher	\$4,000.00
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	11830	Dispatcher	\$2,000.00
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	24201	Office Supplies	\$1,560.19
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	30050	Contractual Services	\$1,085.18
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	30148	Phone/Trunk Lines	\$4,433.75
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	30230	Attorney Fees	\$702.00
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	30400	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,063.53
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	32100	Dues & Subscriptions	\$50.00
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	33500	Seminars & Training	\$1,751.51
4900	CCC Fund	0303	MCCCC	44500	Equipment	\$1,550.40
TOTAL:						\$86,308.65

A motion to approve all budget reductions as submitted was made by Council Member Booth, seconded by Council Member Cating. The motion carried 5-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. County Clerk Sondra Sixberry had requested that the Council allow her to change the hourly rate paid to the election coordinator from \$18/hr. to \$20/hr. for the remainder of 2024. The 2025 hourly rate will be around \$22. In her request, Clerk Sixberry had pointed out that there would be sufficient appropriation in that pay line to cover the increase. Council Member Cating moved to deny the request, due to the upcoming changes to the rate per the compensation study, and in the interest of being consistent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy, and carried 5-0.
- B. Attorney Taylor presented the Council with Resolution 2024-9 Transfer and Reduction of Appropriations. This is an annual resolution which allows the Auditor to adjust appropriations as needed to keep them from being negative at the end of the budget year cycle, and provide report of the adjustments to the Council at an upcoming meeting. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Council Member Loy, and seconded by Council Member Booth. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Attorney Taylor then presented the Council with Resolution 2024-10 Transferring Cash from County General to Correct Negative Balance Funds. This resolution is a result of the FY23 audit where obsolete grant funds with immaterial negative balances were identified by examiners, and they recommended clearing those up before the beginning of the next fiscal year. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Council Member Booth, seconded by Council Member Grimbale. The motion carried 5-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VII. REPORTS:

- A. Purdue Extension Director Monica Nagele reported on the successes of the Extension Office's 2024 programs. She reported that the 4-H program had reached 566 youth and involved the help of 70+ volunteers. Our county also has two Indiana 4-H State Ambassadors, Kylee Reeves and Lennon Woods. The Master Gardener course had also been very successful, with over 1,000 hours of volunteers' time. That program provided over 200 hours of continuing education credits for participating volunteers.
- B. County Administrator Tom Klein reported on several items:
1. The Courthouse Renovation project had started and work is now underway in the basement, and soon on the war memorial.
 2. Purple Heart Parkway is now open.
 3. The Nucor Road Water Project bonds have closed, and that work should be completed in the summer of 2025.
 4. The ADA Project at the Thomas Milligan Center (Probation office) has started, also.
 5. He also reported that Chief Deputy Auditor Andel's birthday is on December 16th, and the County's birthday is on December 21st.

- C. Attorney Dan Taylor discussed the Nucor Road Water Project bonds further. He reported that the amount was nearly \$6million, and the purpose was to provide water to the two new Nucor projects, Nucor Towers & Structures, and Nucor Coatings. Those Nucor projects will bring additional TIF revenue to the area and help fund the Overpass Project. Council Member Loy asked Attorney Taylor to provide further detail on that funding. Attorney Taylor stated that the revenue sources to pay for the bond will come from the allocation (TIF) areas for the new Nucor projects, so taxes collected from the businesses in the allocation areas go directly towards paying those bonds. He said that Nucor is investing a half a billion dollars in the new projects.

- D. Auditor Mindy Byers reported on several items:

1. The 2025 Budget's 1782 Notice had been received, acknowledged and returned to the Department of Government Finance, as required. No budget adjustments were requested by the State.
2. December Settlement has been calculated and sent to the Comptroller of State for approval prior to disbursement of funds.
3. Monday, December 9th was the last day to submit regular claims for 2024 budgets, and Wednesday, December 18th will be the last day to submit emergency claims.
4. The payroll vouchers for the last pay of 2024 will need to be submitted to the Auditor's office on Friday, December 20th, due to the upcoming week's holiday schedule. She will be sending out reminder emails about claims and payroll deadlines to department heads.

- E. Council Member Cating wished everyone a great holiday season.

- F. Council Member Grimbale discussed the redevelopment study being done at the intersection of Interstate 74 and Highway 25, north of Waynetown. She informed those present that a meeting to discuss proposed development will be held on Thursday, December 12th at the Waynetown Christian Church.

G. Council Member Loy reported that he had attended the County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting. He reported that he was impressed by the actions our local commission had taken over the course of 2024, and that the City/County cooperation was impressive. He noted that a comprehensive plan for the area south of Crawfordsville would be forthcoming, also. He congratulated Council Member Booth and the rest of the RDC on their successes, and for looking out for the future of the community with wise investments.

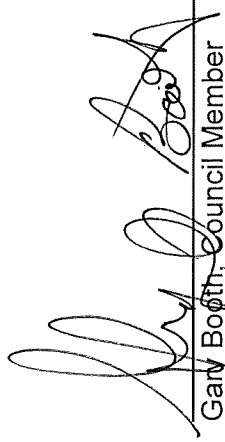
H. Council Member Booth thanked Council Member Loy and said that he had enjoyed working on the commission. He also reported that they were just getting started, and that he was excited about the possibilities that had presented themselves for the Waynetown area. Council Member Booth also thanked the county employees for their hard work, and thanked the compensation committee for their dedication in working out the new pay system. He also thanked Council Member Bohlander for his service on the Council and wished him well as Commissioner.

I. Council Member Bohlander welcomed Mike Warren to the Council, beginning in 2025. He reported that he had been receiving Commissioner training from Attorney Taylor, and working on his handshake. Council Member Bohlander thanked the rest of the Council for their hard work. Council Member Grumble announced that Council Member Bohlander is soon to be a father and congratulated him on that.

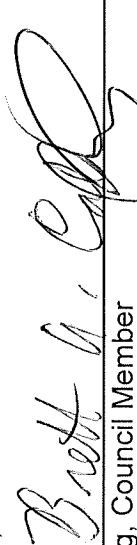
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

IX. NEXT MEETING: A motion to set the 2025 Council regular meeting schedule the same as 2024, with the meetings being at 9:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery County Community Center (1580 Constitution Row, Room 109E) was made by Council Member Booth, seconded by Council Member Loy. The motion carried 5-0. That established the next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

X. ADJOURN: Council Member Booth made a motion to adjourn the regular Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 5-0.



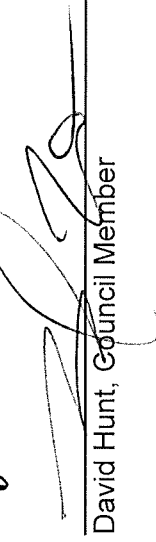
Gary Booth, Council Member



Brett A. Cating, Council Member

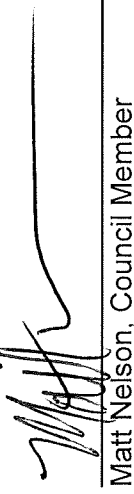


Joyce Grumble, Council Member

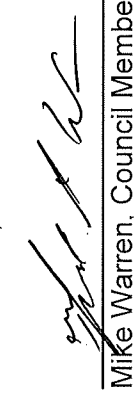


David Hunt, Council Member

Steve Loy, Council Member

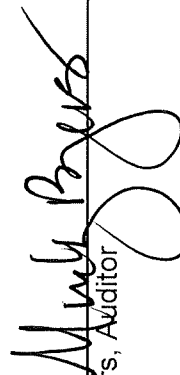


Matt Nelson, Council Member



Mike Warren, Council Member

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor



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