

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 14, 2025

The January 14, 2025 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 Gary Booth, Brett Cating, David Hunt, Joyce Grimbble, Matt Nelson and Mike Warren. Auditor Mindy Byers, County Administrator Tom Klein, and Attorney Tyler Nichols were also present.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council Member David Hunt called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Council Member Grimbble moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. ELECTION OF 2025 COUNCIL OFFICERS:
 - A. Council Member Hunt asked for nominations for Council President. Council Member Booth moved to retain Council Member Hunt as Council President, seconded by Council Member Grimbble. Hearing no other nominations, the vote was called and the retention of Council Member Hunt as Council President carried 6-0.
 - B. Council President Hunt then called for nominations for Council Vice President. Council Member Booth nominated Council Member Grimbble. This was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Hearing no other nominations, the vote was called and Council Member Grimbble was elected Council Vice President 6-0.
- V. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:
 - A. Council Member Grimbble moved to retain Dan Taylor as Council attorney. This was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.
 - B. Council Member Warren moved to reappoint Council Member Nelson to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Management District board. This was seconded by Council Member Grimbble and carried 6-0.
 - C. Council Member Cating moved to reappoint Council Member Loy to the Montgomery County Plan Commission. This was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.
 - D. A motion to retain David Long on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission was made by Council Member Booth, seconded by Council Member Grimbble. Motion carried 6-0.
 - E. A motion to retain Council Member Booth on the Redevelopment Commission and reappoint Brad Monts to the Redevelopment Authority was made by Council Member Grimbble, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.
 - F. A motion to reappoint Council Member Grimbble and appoint Council Member Warren to the Regional Sewer District Board was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Grimbble. Motion carried 6-0.
 - G. A motion to reappoint John Hedrick II to the Board of Zoning Appeals was made by Council Member Cating, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.
 - H. A motion to reappoint John Downey, Lindsey Hamilton and Patricia Richey to the Property Tax Board of Appeals was made by Council Member Grimbble, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.
 - I. A motion to appoint Council Member Warren as well as reappoint Council Member Hunt and Jessica Bokhart to the Economic Development Commission was made by Council Member Grimbble, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 6-0.
- VI. APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
 - A. Liaisons to Departments:
 1. Council Member Booth: CCC, Coroner, EM-HS, Highway & Sheriff/Jail
 2. Council Member Cating: Health Department
 3. Council Member Grimbble: Extension Office, Soil & Water Conservation District and assist Council Member Hunt with his Departments.
 4. Council Member Hunt: Clerk, Judges, Probation, Prosecutor and Public Defender.
 5. Council Member Loy: Building/Maintenance, Commissioners, Mapping, Surveyor, Veteran's Services, Weights & Measures.
 6. Council Member Nelson: Assessor, Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer.
 - B. Liaisons to Other Funded Organizations: Council Member Cating to be retained as the liaison to the Animal Welfare League.

C. Committee Appointments:

- 1. Council Member Warren was appointed to the Information Technology Committee.
- 2. The Budget Committee appointments have not yet been determined.
- 3. Council Member Loy was reappointed to the Internal Controls and Risk Management Committees.
- 4. Council Members Booth and Nelson were appointed to serve on the Tax Abatement Committee.
- 5. Council Member Grimbale was reappointed to the HIPAA Compliance Committee.
- 6. The ERPS Committee is currently being reorganized; appointments will be made to it at a later date.

VII. 2025 COUNCIL HOME RULE:

- A. A motion to continue allowing Department Heads to transfer appropriations within the same series, with the exception of series 1000 items (same as 2024) was made by Council Member Cating and seconded by Council member Grimbale. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. A motion granting authority to the Council President and Vice President (should the Council President be unavailable) to sign Drain Reconstruction Loans was made by Council Member Booth. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson, and carried 6-0.

VIII. MONEY MATTERS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	21000	Fuel/Oil	\$100,000.00
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	30100	Vehicle/Equipment Repair	\$46,121.00
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	44523	Vehicle Purchase	\$85,000.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	44500	Equipment	\$185,685.00
9109	Community Crossings Mat	0529	Highway	20016	Bituminous	\$2,726,454.00
8174	FY25 SIM Grant 93.788	0235	Probation	11025	Salary	\$33,000.00
8174	FY25 SIM Grant 93.788	0235	Probation	30002	Training & Travel	\$25,000.00
8174	FY25 SIM Grant 93.788	0235	Probation	24205	Barrier Busters	\$3,000.00
8174	FY25 SIM Grant 93.788	0235	Probation	30180	Substance Abuse Treatment	\$14,000.00
8174	FY25 SIM Grant 93.788	0235	Probation	44500	Community Outreach/Equipment	\$7,500.00
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- A. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 6-0.

- B. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the MCCCC's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 6-0.

- C. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Highway Department's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 6-0.

- D. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Probation Department's additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.

ENCUMBERING OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Encumbrance Amount
1216	Auditor's Ineligible Deduct.	0002	Auditor	24201	Office Supplies	\$201.60
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	24201	Office Supplies	\$40.00
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	24201	Office Supplies	\$429.86
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	21000	Fuel/Oil	\$116.34
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	44500	Equipment	\$80.90
1000	County General	0063	Drainage Board	30230	Attorney Contract	\$235.00
1000	County General	0201	Superior Court #1	30256	Drug Court Treatment	\$4,919.32
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	20150	Law Books	\$764.02
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	24201	Office Supplies	\$292.60
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	44521	Furniture & Fixtures	\$1,797.84
9157	PSC Family Recovery Grant	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$552.51
9157	PSC Family Recovery Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel/Training	\$219.07
1135	Cumulative Bridge	0306	Engineering	47101	Capital Improvements	\$623,700.00
1176	M/H Unrestricted	0529	Highway	21532	Calcium & Sodium Chloride	\$47,161.56
1161	GPHC Health Fund	0610	Health Department	24202	Supplies	\$425.14
9146	Sharps Disposal Grant	0610	Health Department	30094	Bio Hazard Disposal	\$760.74
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	21000	Fuel/Oil	\$287.46
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30036	Phone	\$649.09
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A motion to approve all encumbrance requests as presented was made by Council Member Cating, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2025-1 – Approving Sheriff's Compensation Agreement was presented to the Council for approval. A motion to approve the Resolution as presented was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Grimbale. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Resolution 2025-2 – Approving Attorney Engagement Letter was presented to the Council for approval. A motion to approve the Resolution as presented was made by Council Member Grimbale, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Resolution 2025-3 – Sheriff's Commissary Fund Usage was presented to the Council for approval. A motion to approve the Resolution as presented was made by Council Member Cating, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.

D. A motion to approve the 2025 County Council Meeting Schedule as the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center was made by Council Member Booth. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and passed 6-0.

XI. REPORTS:

A. County Administrator Tom Klein reported on several items:

1. Thanked the Highway and Maintenance Departments, as well as all First Responders for their extra efforts during the recent snows.
 2. The joint Council/Commissioner Meeting will be held on February 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room.
 3. Reminded the Council that in June/July of this year the live streaming of Council meetings will be required by statute; please practice using microphones in preparation of that.
 4. The Courthouse Renovation project has started and work is now underway in the basement, and on the first floor. Beginning next week, the parking lot will be closed. Department Heads have maps of where they can have their staff members park.
 5. Purple Heart Parkway is now open and mostly completed – some small final tasks are ongoing.
- B. Council Members thanked the Highway and Sheriff Departments and all employees for their hard work; Council Member Warren was welcomed to service as well.

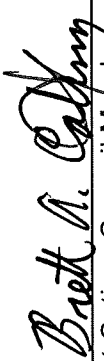
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XIII. NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Community Center (1580 Constitution Row, Room 109E).

XIV. ADJOURN: Council Member Grimbale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 6-0.



Gary Booth, Council Member



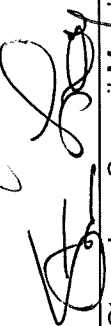
Brett Cating, Council Member



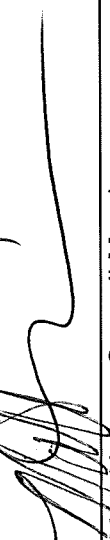
Joyce Grimbale, Council Member



David Hunt, Council Member



Steve Loy, Council Member



Matt Nelson, Council Member



Mike Warren, Council Member

Attest:


Mindy Byers, Auditor



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