

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 11, 2025

The February 11, 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, Steve Loy, Matt Nelson and Mike Warren. Chief Deputy Auditor Jennifer Andel, County Administrator Tom Klein, and Attorney Dan Taylor were also present.

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

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Booth. Motion carried 6-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

IV. MONEY MATTERS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Descrip	Account	Account Description	Amount Requested /
1000	County General	0007	Coroner	11168	PT	\$3,000.00
1191	Riverboat	0068	Commissioners	12020	INPRS	\$64,277.84
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1170	LIT Public Safety	0005	Sheriff	11938	Deputy TW	\$1,339.00
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4975	K-9 Gift Fund	0005	Sheriff	24202	Supplies	\$1,200.00
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11498	Corporal Salary	\$2,226.34
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TOTAL						<u>\$90,598.22</u>

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

B. Council Member Loy moved to approve Commissioners' additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 5-0-1(Booth abstained).

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

ENCUMBRING OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Encumbrance Amount Requested
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30127	EOC	\$83.81
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30800	Printing & Advertising	\$83.00
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30001	Travel Expense	\$1,080.58
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30100	Vehicle Repair/Equipment	\$96.00
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30127	EOC	\$587.17
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	40005	Generator & Other Equipm	\$1,232.70
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	33500	Seminars & Training	\$182.00

A. A motion to approve all EM-HS encumbrance requests as presented was made by Council Member Cating, seconded by Council Member Loy. Motion carried 6-0.

B. A motion to approve the Auditor's encumbrance request as presented was made by Council Member Cating, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	11168	PT	30143	Printer Maintenance	\$1,000.00
TOTAL								<u>\$1,000.00</u>

A motion to approve the Surveyor's transfer was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 6-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Karen Branch, Executive Director of the Youth Service Bureau, presented the 2025 budget for the Drug Free Montgomery County program:

Account Number	Account Name	Amount Allocated
1148.0000.430.415.0.0010	LCC Administrative Expenses	\$18,409.84
1148.0000.430.415.0.0020	Education/Prevention	\$18,795.72
1148.0000.430.415.0.0030	Intervention/Treatment	\$19,383.72
1148.0000.430.415.0.0040	Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice	\$18,409.84
	Total Budget	\$74,999.12

Council Member Loy moved to approve the budget as presented. This was seconded by Council Member Booth and carried 6-0. Executive Director Branch went on to recap the activities from 2024:

- c. List of 2024 mini-grant recipients – more than \$39,000 distributed
- i. Youth Service Bureau – Positive Youth Programming & National Night Out
 - ii. Recovery Coalition – Special Events
 - iii. Integrative Wellness – Rock Out Recovery
 - iv. Montgomery County Probation – Juvenile Cognitive Behavioral Programs, Substance use assessments, drug screen initiative, Emergency/Transitional Housing, drug and alcohol education, Probation officer Field Safety
 - v. City of Crawfordsville, Mobile Integrated Health – QRT 24/7 Hotline
 - vi. Montgomery County Veterans Court – Incentives
 - vii. Montgomery County Drug Court – Incentives for Positive Reinforcement

Program Successes

- a. List of events hosted by/partnered with DFMC:

- i. Mobile Crisis Unit Round Table
 - ii. ACEs Training
 - iii. Grief Care & Education
 - iv. National Night Out
 - v. National Grief Awareness Day
 - vi. Red Ribbon Breakfast
 - vii. Vaping Prevention Education
- b. List of events attended
- i. Recovery Coalition’s Anniversary event
 - ii. North Montgomery High School Open House
 - iii. Pride Festival
 - iv. Celebration of Unity
 - v. Rock Out Recovery
 - vi. High School Youth Summit
- c. Prevention Curriculum: This is Not About Drugs served 249 students in all three school districts.
- d. More than 390 doses of intranasal Narcan were distributed to Montgomery County.
- e. Prescription Drug Take Back Day for April & October 2024 and medications collected through County and City drop off locations delivered over 2000 lbs. to the DEA for safe disposal.

- B. Attorney Dan Taylor then presented the Council with the annual training documents, a brief overview of them and a look a recent pertinent court rulings. He then presented a red-line copy of the 2025 Rules of Procedure, which contained changes to the precise location of the Council meetings, the rules associated with remote participation in the Council meetings. A motion to approve the Rules of Procedure as presented was made by Council Member Booth, seconded by Council Member Warren. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. The Public Defender Office discussion was postponed until the March meeting.

VII. REPORTS:

- A. Highway Director Jake Lough urged the Council to keep an eye on House Bill 1461 and how that will influence what we do with Wheel Tax in the future, and how it affects our CCMG funding.
- B. EM-HS Director Jessica Burget introduced the new Assistant Director, Nick Riddell.
- C. County Administrator Tom Klein reported on several items:
1. Congratulations to Chief Probation Officer Andria Geigle on being named Montgomery County's 2024 Employee of the Year.
 2. He thanked the Council for supplying lunch to the County employees at the end of January.
 3. Reported that he and several other County employees and Elected Officials had attended the AIC Legislative Conference, and that there were many proposed bills to monitor that could directly affect County finances.
 4. Reminded those present that the joint Council and Commissioner meeting would be held on February 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room.
- D. Chief Deputy Auditor Jennifer Andel presented the Council with a digest of the adjustments made as permitted by Council Resolution 2024-9
- E. Council Member Cating thanked the Council for the great job on the lunch and asked Building Administrator Marc Bonwell to provide updates on the Courthouse Renovation Project:
1. He reported that the project is ahead of schedule on the interior portion of the work.
 2. Exterior is on schedule, once scaffolding is completely built, work on roof will begin.
 3. Drywall and finishing work is underway in the new Clerk's office.
- F. Council Member Loy just wanted to tack onto Karen Branch's presentation that he is working with the Auditor's office to round up actual numbers for the County's costs. He hopes that the criminal justice team can work together to collectively figure out what's working to fight drug addiction and work through mental health issues, and what's not, so we can solve problems instead of funding the costs of symptoms.
- G. Council Member Hunt thanked Council Member Grimbale for her hard work on the Council-sponsored employee lunch.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

- IX. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A motion to approve the \$1,235.50 claim from Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter and the \$4,067.50 claim from Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele was made by Council Member Nelson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 6-0.
- X. NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Community Center (1580 Constitution Row, Room 109E).
- XI. ADJOURN: Council Member Cating made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Loy. Motion carried 6-0.



Gary Booth, Council Member



Brett Cating, Council Member



Joyce Grimbale, Council Member



David Hunt, Council Member



Steve Loy, Council Member

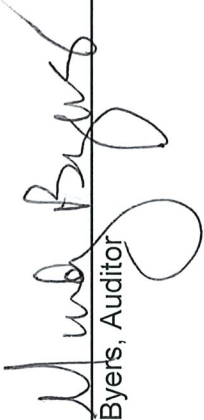


Matt Nelson, Council Member



Mike Warren, Council Member

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor



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