

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

The October 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, Joyce Grimbale, David Hunt, Steve Loy, Matt Nelson and Mike Warren. Auditor Mindy Byers, 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: Council Member Grimbale moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	11021 OT	\$3,475.00
9147	Veteran's Treatment Court	0235	Probation	30002 Travel / Training	\$634.95
1000	County General	0007	Coroner	30210 Autopsy	\$30,000.00
TOTAL:					\$34,109.95

- A. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.
- B. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Probation Department's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Booth and carried 7-0.
- C. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Coroner's additional appropriation request. 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
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11313	Dispatcher	12050	Group Insurance	\$2,000.00
1000	County General	0202	Superior Court #2	30057	Law Clerk	24201	Office Supplies	\$248.92
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	11505	Sheriff's Captain	11945	Process Server	\$8,000.00
1000	County General	0001	Clerk	11693	PT Courts Deputy	11694	PT Courts Deputy	\$690.35
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	12020	INPRS	13000	Wellness Center	\$58,545.00
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	11702	Property Deputy	11168	Part Time	\$2,250.00
TOTAL:								\$71,734.27

- A. Council Member Grimbale moved to approve the MCCCC's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 7-0.
- B. Council Member Booth Moved to approve Superior Court 2's request for transfer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.
- C. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Sheriff's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale and carried 7-0.
- D. Council Member Cating moved to approve the Clerk's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 7-0.

E. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Commissioners' transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 7-0.

F. Council Member Grumble moved to approve the Auditor's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.

REDUCTION of APPROPRIATIONS:									
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description				Reduction Amount Requested
1159	Health	0610	Health Department	11021	OT				\$1,000.00
1159	Health	0610	Health Department	11168	Part Time				\$5,300.00
1159	Health	0610	Health Department	11219	PT Public Health Nurse				\$6,000.00
1159	Health	0610	Health Department	11459	Administrative Clerk				\$4,000.00
1159	Health	0610	Health Department	44500	Equipment				\$3,300.00
1000	County General	0312	Building Departmer	11131	Asst Building Inspect/Code Enf				\$31,700.00
1000	County General	0312	Building Departmer	32100	Dues & Subscriptions				\$595.50
1000	County General	0313	Building Maintenan	20001	Cleaning & Sanitation				\$4,000.00
1000	County General	0313	Building Maintenan	30025	Painting Servs				\$3,000.00
1000	County General	0313	Building Maintenan	30028	Cleaning Services				\$18,000.00
1000	County General	0313	Building Maintenan	30076	Trash Removal				\$1,000.00
1000	County General	0750	Soil & Water	11021	OT				\$750.00
1000	County General	0750	Soil & Water	12000	Social Security & Medicare				\$191.00
1000	County General	0750	Soil & Water	21815	Ed Supplies				\$230.00
1000	County General	0750	Soil & Water	22002	Postage				\$200.00
1000	County General	0750	Soil & Water	24201	Office Supplies				\$100.00
1000	County General	0750	Soil & Water	30800	Printing & Advertising				\$100.00
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30006	Tax Bill Preparation				\$2,821.78
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30099	Software/License/Maintenance				\$53.64
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30200	Collection Fees				\$2,256.40
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	32100	Dues & Subscriptions				\$25.04
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	33500	Seminars & Training				\$498.08
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	44500	Office Equipment				\$3.08
1000	County General	0011	Purdue Extension	11021	OT				\$72.40
1000	County General	0011	Purdue Extension	30028	Cleaning Services				\$1,000.00
1000	County General	0011	Purdue Extension	44400	Computer/Software				\$220.00
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11005	Additional Duty Pay				\$3,000.00
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11293	Jail Officer				\$3,065.32
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11298	Jail Officer				\$1,925.47
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11328	Jail Officer				\$6,820.90
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11486	Jail Officer				\$10,758.10
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11491	Jail Officer				\$3,054.33
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11493	Jail Officer				\$2,136.67
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11498	Jail Corp				\$2,612.98
1000	County General	0380	Jail	11501	Jail Officer				\$4,016.95
1000	County General	0380	Jail	20101	Softener Salt				\$2,500.00
1000	County General	0379	Security Center	11439	Courthouse Security Deputy				\$6,588.67
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	11168	Part Time Clerical				\$10,000.00
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	30001	Travel Expenses				\$100.00
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	30143	Printer Maintenance				\$300.00
1000	County General	0063	Drainage Board	11176	Trvl Board Members				\$100.00
1000	County General	0066	PTABOA Board	11166	Board of Review Salary				\$2,250.00
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	22002	Postage				\$500.00
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	30054	Psychiatric Evaluations				\$2,000.00
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	30061	Indigent Defendant Trans				\$2,000.00
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	30062	Indigent Defendants Misc				\$2,000.00
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	30057	Law Cik				\$3,000.00
1000	County General	0001	Clerk	11600	Courts Deputy				\$2,002.13
1000	County General	0001	Clerk	11693	PT Clerk Courts Deputy				\$1,559.05
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	11214	Clerical Asst				\$200.00
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	30043	Election Board Atty				\$800.00
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	30044	Freight & Express				\$200.00
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	30113	Janitor & Rents				\$700.00
1000	County General	0000	No Dept	30035	Utilities				\$75,000.00
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	11702	Property Deputy				\$5,600.00
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	30079	Legal Services				\$15,000.00
1000	County General	0064	Council	30081	Special Appropriations				\$225,000.00
1000	County General	0061	Council	30082	Special Legal				\$5,500.00
1000	County General	0061	Council	32100	Dues & Subscriptions				\$575.00
					TOTAL:				\$262,282.49

A. A motion to approve all reductions except for the Council's Special Appropriations line was made by Council Member Nelson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 7-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VI. New Business

- A. Due to the date of the next regular Council meeting falling on Tuesday, November 11, Veteran's Day, there was discussion about moving the meeting. A motion to move the next regular Council meeting to Monday, November 10, at the regular time and location was made by Council Member Loy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.
- B. Sheriff Ryan Needham had requested formal direction from the Council regarding the purchase of new, more powerful radios. The cost of the radios is estimated to be around \$220,000. There was talk of using the Council's Special Appropriations line or CCD to cover the purchase, and more discussion concerning the terms of the purchase. After completing the discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Booth to instruct the Sheriff to proceed with the radio purchase, to purchase them outright (not as a lease to own), and all agreed that CCD cash would be used to fund the purchase. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 7-0.
- C. Attorney Taylor presented Ordinance 2025-2 – Approving Recorder's requests for use of Recorder's Perpetuation Fund for Expense of Recorder's Office. This is an Ordinance that needs to be passed each year that the Recorder's budget is set up in the Perpetuation Fund. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Council Member Nelson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.
- D. The Montgomery County Solid Waste Management District 2026 Budget Adoption hearing was opened, and public discussion was invited. Hearing none, Council Member Nelson moved to adopt that budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale and carried 7-0.
- E. The Montgomery County 2026 Budget Adoption hearing was opened, and public discussion requested. Auditor Byers presented the changes that had been discussed between the September Council meeting and today's meeting, as well as other items requiring. They were:
 1. Remove all of the Mapping (M.D.) reimbursement lines from PSAP LIT. The Council and Mapping Director Mike Davis agreed to these changes.
 2. Remove the line for Aerial Photography from the Mapping Department's County General budget, and schedule an additional for that to be set up in the Mapping Fees fund budget instead. All parties were also agreeable to this adjustment.
 3. Commissioner's budget Intern line in the amount of \$10,000 was discussed. The Council opted to keep that in place.
 4. A number of benefit lines in the Commissioners' budget were also adjusted to reflect updated estimations that had been unknowns when the budgets were initially requested. These had been previously agreed upon by the Commissioners.
 5. The Commissioners' Contractual Services line was broken out into the actual uses (4-H rent, Safe Hiring, CCMG grant match, property cleanup) and reduced by \$100,000 – this had also been previously agreed upon.
 6. Other lines in the Commissioners' budget that all had agreed to adjust were: Valley Oaks, Insurance, ADA and Attorney Fees.
 7. IT Budget reduced the Equipment line by \$60,000, and the Firewall line was reduced as well.
 8. The \$60,000 listed above is now to come from CCD, but will need to be an additional appropriation request in 2026.
 9. Auditor Byers also pointed out that the RDC Non-TIF General fund 2026 requested budget of \$500,000 was not supported by the cash balance of the fund. This is to be further discussed at an upcoming RDC meeting, but left as-is for now.
 10. There were 3 departments that budgeted Longevity. These were duplicate requests, since there is a line to cover all departments in the Council budget.
 11. Each of the Courts' budgets had a \$10,000 line for Law Clerks, which has not been used for many years. There had initially been talk of removing the unused lines, but the Council opted to keep those in for now, but seek to have them reduced in 2026.

12. Removed a \$5,000 unappropriated line in the Clerk's budget that had been entered in error.
 13. The Commissioners had voted to reduce the Cumulative Bridge Rate to 5.85, down from 7.50.
 14. Raises will stay at 3%.
 15. There was a question as to whether or not Elected Officials would be receiving longevity in 2026. There was some discussion concerning it. Historically, Elected Officials have received longevity, but did not in 2025. The consensus was to restore longevity pay to Elected Officials.
- Once discussions wrapped up, Council Member Loy made a motion to adopt the budget with the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 7-0.

F. Ordinance 2025-3 – 2026 Appropriation Ordinance was presented, with the changes discussed for the 2026 Budget. A motion to approve it with those changes was made by Council Member Cating. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.

VII. REPORTS:

- A. Auditor Byers reminded the Council that they would need to stop by the office once all of the Budget changes had been uploaded to Gateway and the formal paperwork was available. She said that she would text them as soon as it was available.
- B. Sheriff Needham report that the work on the roof would be completed this week.
- C. Council Member Cating asked for an update on the Courthouse Renovation Project from Building Director Bonwell.
- D. Building Director Marc Bonwell provided the requested updates:

1. For the most part the roof is done. There are a handful of cleanup items that are ongoing that will make sure all parts are capped and sealed against birds.
 2. Only courtrooms and hallways remain in-progress on the interior phase.
 3. There will be an RFP for marble restoration go out once the main renovation project is complete.
- E. Council Member Loy thanked all who worked on the Budgets, the Motocross of Nations event. Just thinking out loud, he might be interested in forming a study group too look at long-term road planning.
- F. Council Members Booth and Grimble echoed the thanks to the Motocross of Nations team.
4. The interior portion of the Courthouse renovation project is ahead of schedule at this time. There has and will be some temporary movement of office locations during the renovations, and in the upcoming week the court offices will be closed for three days.
 5. The exterior portion of the Courthouse renovation project is ongoing, also. The crew is waiting on cornice metal, but in the meantime continue to work on the roof, crown molding, stone facework and south porch. The project is estimated to be complete in December 2025.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

IX. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A motion to approve the \$1,200.50 claim from Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, and the \$2,747.29 claim from Peters Franklin, LTD was made by Council Member Loy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried -0.

X. NEXT MEETING:

November 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109.

- XI. ADJOURN: Council Member Grimbale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 7-0.



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
Jenni Fer Andel, Chief Deputy Auditor

