

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 10, 2025

The November 10, 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 (at 9:05), 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 Nelson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Warren. Motion carried 6-0.
- 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 Requested
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11307	Dispatcher	11813	Dispatcher	\$1,600.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11307	Dispatcher	11713	Dispatcher	\$2,838.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11307	Dispatcher	11413	Dispatcher	\$2,423.00
1000	County General	0271	Public Defender	11060	Interns	30015	Conflict/Public Defender Contract	\$15,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	12020	INPRS	12080	Long & Short Term Disability	\$36,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30103	Valley Oaks	12055	Group Life Insurance	\$17,000.00
1217	County Elected Officials Training	0000	No Dept	21001	Travel Expense	30064	Conference Registration	\$1,295.00
2100	Supplemental Adult Probation	0235	Probation	11031	Prime Instructors	44500	Equipment	\$3,000.00
TOTAL:								<u>\$79,156.00</u>

- A. Council Member Grimbale moved to approve the MCCCC's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 6-0.
- B. Council Member Booth Moved to approve the Public Defender's request for transfer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.
- C. Council Member Warren moved to approve the Commissioner's transfer requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimbale and carried 7-0.
- D. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the Auditor's transfer request for the Elected Officials Training Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 7-0.
- E. Council Member Warren moved to approve the Probation Department's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 7-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2025-4 – 2026 Montgomery County Compensation Ordinance – was presented by Attorney Taylor for its first reading. A request was made by Council Member Grimbale and Chief Probation Officer Andria Geigle to check on the values of some of that department's pay lines for accuracy prior to the next meeting.
- B. Ordinance 2025-5 – 2026 Montgomery County Solid Waste District Appropriations Ordinance was presented by Attorney Taylor for its first reading.
- C. Ordinance 2025-6 – 2026 Montgomery County Solid Waste District Compensation Ordinance – was presented by Attorney Taylor for its first reading, as well.
- D. Cheryl Morphew presented the team from Cargill who was presenting information to the council about a \$17.5million expansion at the facility near Linden. The project, which

will be rolling out in three phases over three years, will increase the capacity at the existing facility by 10million bushels, and also move the regional office and staff from Lafayette to the Linden facility. Seth Bancroft, the local plant manager, and John Barrett, the regional operations manager were at the meeting to answer questions and provide more detail about the plans. John Barrett spoke at length about the historical, present-day and plans for future operations, and the issues that the expansion should help resolve. Council Member Loy asked if the improvements would help with the congestion on 1100 north in that area. The consensus was that the additional capacity and a change in process would improve the flow of traffic. Cargill's operations would also go from a well and septic system to connecting to Linden's utilities.

- E. Resolution 2025-9 – Declaring a Certain Parcel at 173 West, County Road 100 North, Linden to be and Economic Revitalization Area was presented by Attorney Taylor. The Resolution is the beginning of the process for granting a 10-year property tax abatement to Cargill for the additional real and business personal property that will result from this expansion project. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. REPORTS:

- A. County Administrator Tom Klein reminded all present about the Veteran's Day parade the following day at 11:00 a.m. He also announced and honored the County employees that are Veterans, and thanked them for their service and sacrifice. And finally, Mr. Klein announced that the Commissioners had appointed a new Veteran's Service Officer, Nick Kashon, who would begin training with the current VSO, and would then officially start as VSO on 1/1/26.
- B. Council Member Cating reported that the Legion has golf carts available if any more are needed for the parade, and that he is excited about the appointment of Nick Kashon as VSO.
- C. Council Member Warren thanked all Veterans for their service.
- D. Council Member Loy suggested that soon the Council, Commissioners and RDC have a joint meeting in order for all groups to stay in the loop on upcoming plans and projects.
- E. Council Members Booth and Grimble also thanked all Veterans.
- F. Council President Hunt thanked Veterans, also, and Cargill for choosing to expand in our county.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

- IX. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A motion to approve the \$1,641.50 claim from Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, and the \$220.80 claim from Peters Franklin, LTD was made by Council Member Booth. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble and carried 7-0.

X. NEXT MEETING:

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

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



Gary Booth, Council Member



Brett Cating, Council Member



Joyce Gimble, Council Member

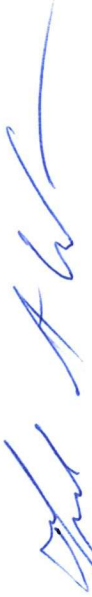


David Hunt, Council Member

Steve Loy, Council Member



Matt Nelson, Council Member



Mike Warren, Council Member

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor

