

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 9, 2025

The September 9, 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 Grimble, Steve Loy, Matt Nelson and Mike Warren. Auditor Mindy Byers, County Administrator Tom Klein, and Attorney Dan Taylor were also present.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council Vice President Grimble called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer led by Council Member Nelson.

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:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1000	County General	0271	Public Defender	11421	Chief Public Defender	\$10,587.24
1000	County General	0271	Public Defender	11521	Chief Deputy Public Defender	\$10,740.18
4923	Supplemental Public Defender	0271	Public Defender	15019	Salary Reimbursement	\$21,327.42
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11021	OT	\$3,475.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	30500	Equipment Repairs	\$289,520.00
1222	Statewide 911	0303	MCCCC	11021	OT	\$10,000.00
4936	Dog Tax - County Share	0061	County Council	31220	AVL Additional Funding	\$2,500.00
TOTAL:						\$348,149.84

A. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Public Defender's additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Booth and carried 6-0.

B. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation requests for the OT line and roof replacement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 6-0.

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

D. Council Member Booth moved to approve the official additional appropriation for extra AVL funding that was approved last meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 6-0.

REDUCTION of APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Reduction Amount Requested
1000	County General	0235	Probation	11032	Financial & Grant Administrator	\$4,328.69
1000	County General	0235	Probation	11209	Administrative Assistant	\$7,230.00
1000	County General	0235	Probation	11273	Probation Officer	\$6,000.00
1000	County General	0235	Probation	11229	Assistant Chief Probation Officer	\$800.00

A. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the Probation Department's budget reductions requests, which totaled \$18,268.69. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and 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	0201	Superior Court 1	20150	Law Books	44521	Furniture & Fixtures	\$600.00
1222	Statewide 911	0303	MCCCC	12005	MED/SS/INPRS	11021	OT	\$1,300.00
1222	Statewide 911	0303	MCCCC	11406	Dispatcher	11021	OT	\$4,700.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	12005	MED/SS/INPRS	12065	H S A	\$3,500.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	12025	INPRS (M.D.)	12050	Group Insurance	\$800.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	12001	SS/MED (M.D.)	12050	Group Insurance	\$2,000.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11813	Dispatcher	12050	Group Insurance	\$6,700.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11414	Dispatcher	12050	Group Insurance	\$1,500.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11237	Dispatcher	12050	Group Insurance	\$2,000.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11203	Dispatcher	12050	Group Insurance	\$1,500.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11043	Dispatcher	11043	Group Insurance	\$500.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	12001	SS/MED (M.D.)	11047	Dispatcher PT	\$1,700.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	12005	MED/SS/INPRS	11047	Dispatcher PT	\$7,100.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11212	Dispatcher	11313	Dispatcher	\$8,000.00
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11830	Dispatcher	11313	Dispatcher	\$2,800.00
TOTAL:								\$44,700.00

A. Council Member Booth moved to approve Superior Court 1's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 6-0.

B. Council Member Cating moved to approve all 14 of the MCCCC's transfer requests for OT, Group Insurance and salary coverage. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 6-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VI. New Business

A. Due to turnover, the Montgomery County Board of Health had reported that Katie Lindsey had been nominated to serve on their board. Council approval of nominees is required. A motion to approve Katie Lindsey as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Health was made by Council Member Cating, and seconded by Council Member Booth. Motion carried 6-0.

B. The Crawfordsville District Public Library Board had requested a partial-term replacement for Owen Bennett. Their nominee for the Council-appointed board member is Phillip Littell. A motion to appoint Phillip Littell to the Library Board for a term ending on 6/30/2027 was made by Council Member Loy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Booth, and carried 6-0.

C. Council Vice President Grimbale opened the 2026 Montgomery County Solid Waste Management Budget Hearing. That budget was displayed, discussed briefly, and then a call was made for public comment on this budget. Receiving no comment, the Solid Waste budget hearing was closed at 9:18 a.m.

D. Council Vice President Grimbale then opened the 2026 Montgomery County Budget Hearing. That budget was displayed, discussed briefly, and then a call was made for public comment on it. Receiving no comment, the County budget hearing was closed at 9:20 a.m.

E. Attorney Taylor introduced Ordinance 2025-2 – Recorder's Request for use of Recorder's Perpetuation Fund for 2026 Budget. This is an ordinance presented every year that allows the Council to utilize cash in the Recorder's Perpetuation fund for the Recorder's Budget. The Ordinance was introduced only – no vote was taken.

VII. REPORTS:

A. Cale Stephens Highway Sign Technician/GIS Specialist provided updates on behalf of the Highway Department, listing the roads that were being worked upon and the percentage completion. For the most part, all 2025 projects are 50% or more complete.

B. Building Director Marc Bonwell also provided updates:

1. The ADA project on Probation's Binford Street facility is complete and came in at \$6,000 under budget.
 2. 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.
 3. 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.
- C. Sheriff Ryan Needham requested guidance from the Council on the purchase of radios. Those can be paid all at once, or over time via a lease, and he provided Council with data pertaining to both options. County Administrator Klein reported that in conversations with Jeff Peters, it was recommended that CCD funds be used. Council Vice President Grimbale requested that the topic be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion and to vote on a payment plan.
- D. Treasurer Heather Laffoon reported that the 2025 Tax Sale would be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 7. There are currently 30 properties still eligible for the sale, down from the 42 that were originally certified. She also reported that delinquent tax bill mailings had gone out in July, and those had brought in over a million dollars so far. Additionally, her estimates for the amount of interest to be received in 2025 will be similar, if not higher than was received in 2024.
- E. Auditor Byers asked the Council if they had requested an updated fiscal plan from Peters Franklin. Since it had not yet been done, she agreed to request that on their behalf.
- F. County Administrator Klein reminded those present about the upcoming international race being held at the Ironman racetrack October 3-5. That will be a major event, bringing large number of people from across the world to our county. He also reported that INDOT had agreed to remove the signage and lane restrictions temporarily for that weekend to facilitate movement of the heavy traffic. Finally, Mr. Klein reported that Lori Dossett and David Hunt both had birthdays coming up soon.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

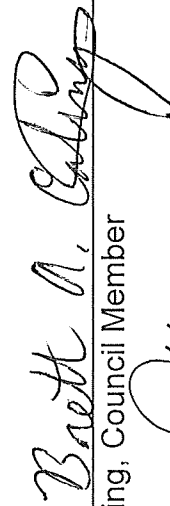
- IX. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A motion to approve the \$1,813.00 claim from Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, and the \$739.32 claim from Peters Franklin, LTD was made by Council Member Loy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.

- X. NEXT MEETING(s):
October 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109 – Regular Council Meeting and Budget Adoption for Montgomery County, and Montgomery County Solid Waste Management District.

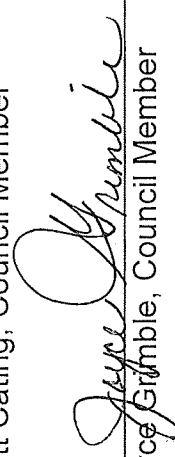
- XI. ADJOURN: Council Member Nelson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 6-0.



Gary Booth, Council Member



Brett Cating, Council Member



Joyce Grimbale, Council Member





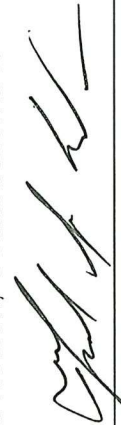
David Hunt, Council Member



Steve Loy, Council Member

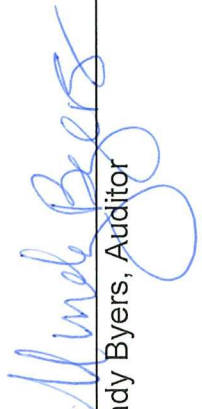


Matt Nelson, Council Member



Mike Warren, Council Member

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor

