

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
CRAWFORDSVILLE DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY, BASEMENT

The December 18, 2018 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 7:00 Pm at the Crawfordsville District Public Library in the basement. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Richard Chastain, Greg Morrison, Mark Smith and Mark Davidson. Chief Deputy Auditor Mindy Byers and Attorney Rob Reimondo were present, as well. No commissioners were present.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Prayer given by Councilman Mills.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. Miriah Mershon, Franklin Township, started the discussion by reading aloud the ordinance deeming Sugar Creek and Madison Townships as ERA's. Several in attendance joined in her concern against these designations. Greg Fuller, Madison Township Trustee, stated he was undecided and asked for a better explanation of the ERA designation and what it entails. Councilman Davidson explained the designations were used as a basis for tax abatements.
- III. DISCUSSION OF RESCENTION OF ERA DESIGNATIONS FOR SUGAR CREEK AND MADISON TOWNSHIPS
 - a. Councilman Morrison stated he didn't feel the prior council was devaluing the areas, rather using the ERA as a tool for county growth.
 - b. Councilman Smith added hindsight is 20/20 and the knowledge we have now regarding wind farms is much greater than what was known at the time of the designation.
 - c. Councilman Booth explained that he is not interested in helping wind companies with abatements and asked the trustees and advisory boards to speak up for their people.
 - d. Sugar Creek Township Trustee, Peggy Whitacre, said she knew nothing of the designations until November and was attending to gather more information.
 - e. The council, as a whole, listened to much discussion against the designations and wind farms. They assured them due diligence would be done, thanked them for their attendance and encouraged their continued involvement.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. With approximately 65 people in attendance, only one spoke in favor of wind farms and the designations. There was no apparent representation from a wind company.
- V. INSERT – Next Council Meeting: January 8, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. Montgomery County Courthouse, Room 103.
- VI. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.

Terry Hockersmith, President

Don Mills, Vice President

Greg Morrison, Councilman

Gary Booth, Councilman

Tom Mellish, Councilman

Mark Davidson, Councilman

Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

Jennifer Andel, Auditor

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