

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 9, 2021

The March 9, 2021 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the City of Crawfordsville Council Chambers. In attendance were Council President Tom Mellish and Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Mark Smith, Mark Davidson and Jake Bohlander. Councilman David Hunt attended via phone. Auditor Jennifer Andel was present, along with County Administrator Tom Klein and County Attorney Dan Taylor.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Mellish called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer given by Mark Smith.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 9 and February 25, 2021
 - a. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
- IV. **MONEY MATTERS:**
 - a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Additional Appropriations, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.
 - b. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve Transfer of Appropriations, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:								
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description		Additional Amount Requested	
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	44500	Equipment		\$2,402.52	
1156	Firearms Training	0005	Sheriff	24202	Supplies		\$960.00	
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	30017	Communications		\$20,243.52	
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	30100	Vehicle Repair/Equipment		\$8,000.00	
2500	County User Fee	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives		\$350.00	
TOTAL:							\$31,956.04	
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:								
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
4900	Central Comms Center	0303	CCC	11237	Dispatcher	11307	Supervisor	\$36,718.00
8902	ICJ/CERS Grant	0000	Multiple	22019	COVID-19 Supplies	42019	COVID-19 Equipment	\$5,474.37
TOTAL:							\$42,192.37	

- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. 2020 Financial Review
 - a. County Administrator Tom Klein presented a 2020 Financial Review, with the assistance of Auditor Jennifer Andel.
 - B. Linden Carnegie Public Library Board Member Approval Request – Steven Burkle
 - a. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve Steven Burkle to the Linden Carnegie Public Library Board, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Revisit \$15,000.00 Entrepreneurial Project Funding Request from Jim Johnson
 - a. Councilman Booth spoke to the Mayor who was very favorable towards the project. Booth made a motion to approve the \$15,000 request, to be paid with Riverboat funds, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
- VII. **STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:**
 - A. County Administrator Tom Klein, recognized several individual and departments. He started by thanking Lonnie Jones, Jail Commander, on his retirement after 33 years

of public service. Tom also thanked Auditor Andel and her staff for their help in preparing the 2020 Financial Report. He extended his gratitude to the Health Department and all those helping with the vaccination clinics. Lastly, he thanked the dispatchers, EMA and the Highway Department for their hard work during the last snow event.

- B. Auditor Jennifer Andel shared she has completed the Annual Financial Reports for the County, as well as the Redevelopment Authority. She is currently working on the Abstract of Taxes and reported that taxpayers should soon be able to view their property tax bills online.
- C. Sheriff Ryan Needham announced the DLZ study on the Jail was submitted and extended an offer to have DLZ present the findings to the Council.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- A. Marc Bonwell, Building Administrator, provided an update from the Plan Commission and the new county annex project.
- B. Amber Reed, Health Department, reported the clinics are running well. She is currently working with the Community Paramedicine Program to get an in-home vaccination option available to our homebound citizens.
- C. Jake Lough, Highway Director, spoke on the 2021 road improvement plans.
- D. Mike Davis, Mapping Director, reports he is loading new imagery to those with the GIS software. He is working on a new contract with a plat book company and plans to have new books available in the next 4-6 months.
- E. Sherri Henry, CCC Director, announced she has two openings in her department. She is considering a different type of testing for applicants.
- F. Shari Harrington, EMA Director, provided a review of the last snow event. She reminded everyone of CodeRed, the new alert system available to everyone. She also has one open position in her department.
- G. Lori Dossett, Executive Assistant to the Commissioners, provided an update on the new Solid Waste District.

IX. FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

- A. Ashley Adair, Purdue Extension Office, presented the Council with the 2020 Annual Report.

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS: None.

XI. CLAIMS

- A. \$1,408.16 from Peters Municipal Consultants, LTD for services through 02/25/2021.
- B. \$140.00 from Indiana Association of County Councils for annual dues.
- C. \$1,792.00 from Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C. for services through 02/25/2021.
 - a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carries 7-0.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XIII. INSERT: Next regular meeting – April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., location TBD, in compliance with public health emergency protocols at that time

XIV. ADJOURN: Council President Mellish adjourned the meeting.

Tom Mellish, President

David Hunt, Vice President

Jake Bohlander, Councilman

Don Mills, Councilman

Gary Booth, Councilman

Mark Davidson, Councilman

Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

Jennifer Andel, Auditor

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