

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 12, 2021

The October 12, 2021 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the County Council Chambers. In attendance were Council President Tom Mellish and Councilmen David Hunt, Gary Booth, Don Mills, Jake Bohlander, Mark Smith and Mark Davidson. Auditor Jennifer Andel was present, along with County Commissioner John Frey, 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 Mellish.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 14, 2021
 - A. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. ERPS Committee Report – Councilman David Hunt and County Administrator Tom Klein
 - A. Klein provided a recap of the ERPS requests and, on behalf of the ERPS Committee, gave a favorable recommendation for the requests.
 - B. Councilman Hunt made a motion to accept the recommendation of the ERPS Committee, seconded by Councilman Mills.
 - C. County Attorney Taylor interjected, stating that if the recommendation was higher than the 2022 salary budget request, there must be a special vote to pass.
 - D. Councilman Hunt then withdrew his original motion and made a new motion to include Attorney Taylor’s recommended verbiage. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.
- V. 2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTION
 - A. Auditor Andel presented the 2022 budget, along with all adjustments, resulting in a \$13.1 million budget in the County General fund.
 - B. Councilman Booth stated he opposed having security at the new annex. Councilman Smith felt not having it would be a liability. Amber Reed, Health Department, shared that they have had to request help on several occasions due to upset clients and would welcome having security.
 - C. The rate for the Cumulative Bridge Fund was decreased from 0.075 to 0.040, per Jeff Peters recommendation.
 - D. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.
- VI. 2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET ADOPTION
 - A. Auditor Andel presented the Council with the SWMD budget for 2022. Andel pointed out it was the responsibility of the County Council to approve the full budget, even though the expenses are shared with the City of Crawfordsville.
 - B. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.
- VII. 2022 COUNTY SALARY AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES – ADOPTION
 - A. The Council agreed to postpone these items, pending finalization of the ERPS changes.
- VIII. MONEY MATTERS:

| ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: | | | | | | |
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| Fund | Fund Description | Dept # | Department Description | Account | Account Description | Additional Amount Requested |
| 1000 | County General | 0068 | Commissioners | 30230 | Attorney Fees | \$60,000.00 |
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| TOTAL: | | | | | | \$60,000.00 |

- A. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriations request, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.

| TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS: | | | | | | | | |
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| Fund | Fund Description | Dept # | Department | From Account | Account Description | To Account | Account Description | Transfer Amount Requested |
| 1176 | MVH | 0529 | Highway | 11354 | Truck Driver | 23000 | Gas, Oil, Lube | \$24,579.00 |
| 1176 | MVH | 0529 | Highway | 11640 | Truck Driver | 23000 | Gas, Oil, Lube | \$23,407.00 |

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| 1176 | MVH | 0529 | Highway | 11652 | Truck Driver | 23000 | Gas, Oil, Lube | \$4,014.00 |
| 4900 | Central Comms | 0303 | CCC | 11513 | Dispatcher | 11021 | OT | \$3,500.00 |
| 4900 | Central Comms | 0303 | CCC | 11513 | Dispatcher | 12065 | H.S.A. | \$1,600.00 |
| 4900 | Central Comms | 0303 | CCC | 11513 | Dispatcher | 30050 | Contractual Svcs | \$3,000.00 |
| 4900 | Central Comms | 0303 | CCC | 11613 | Dispatcher | 44500 | Equipment | \$5,000.00 |
| 8151 | SHSP Active Shooter | 9655 | EMA | 31323 | Instructors | 11695 | PT Admin Asst | \$16,800.00 |
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| <u>TOTAL:</u> | | | | | | | | <u>\$81,900.00</u> |
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Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the Highway Department Transfer requests, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
- B

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the Transfer requests for CCC, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.
- C

Councilman Booth made a motion to approve the Transfer request for EMA, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.
- IX.

NEW BUSINESS
- A

Quarterly Budget update – County Administrator Tom Klein and Auditor Jennifer Andel
1.

Auditor Andel presented the Council with the Quarter 3 Budget update.
- B

Economic Development Commission Appointment – Torey Rauch
1.

Council President Mellish provided a background on Rauch. Councilman Booth added he felt Rauch was an excellent candidate.
2.

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the appointment of Rauch, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.
- C

Third Quarter Commissary Report – Sheriff Needham
1.

The Sheriff presented his Quarter 3 Commissary Report. Councilman Booth thanked him for his hard work.
- X.

OLD BUSINESS
- A

Councilman Booth called attention to the Rainy Day fund balance. He is concerned that the county hasn’t restored the fund in over 5 years. He encouraged the council to add a mechanism to fund the account in the future. Council President Mellish reassured Booth that this was already being discussed.
- XI.

STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPORTS
- A

County Administrator Tom Klein spoke on several items:
1.

Klein congratulated David Hunt for completing a recent Ironman.
2.

He thanked everyone who helped and attended the Tempur Sealy groundbreaking, especially Lori Dossett, Jake Lough and Brian Campbell.
3.

He announced the EMA department was awarded a grant for \$360,000 to purchase a Bearcat.
4.

He invited all to attend an employee cookout on Friday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the courthouse.
5.

He provided an update on the annex, stating the current timeline is completion by the end of December. Contact Klein or Marc Bonwell to schedule a tour, if desired.
6.

The county has been awarded two State Water Infrastructure Fund (SWIF) Grants; one to help with the Mace drainage project and the other for the Tempur Sealy project.
- B

Highway Engineer Jim Peck provided the following updates:
1.

Bridge 47 in Darlington is complete.
2.

Bridge 79 is open, with still a few items to complete.
3.

They will be doing a modified latex overlay on Jim Davis Bridge.
4.

He will be participating in an asset management seminar with Purdue. Highway Director Lough will serve on the panel.
- C

Auditor Andel shared the following:
1.

During the recent Tax Sale, the county sold 14 of 18 available certificates, bringing in over \$300,000 in surplus.
2.

She reminded the council and commissioners that several resolutions/ordinances will be needed by the end of the year in order to comply with the recent SBOA audit.
3.

Andel is working on streamlining the grant process with the commissioners.
4.

She asked the department heads to provide her any changes to their capital assets.
5.

She announced that she and her Chief Deputy, Mindy Byers, will be out of office October 19-22 to attend the State-Called Auditor’s Conference.
- XII.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
- A

Jake Lough, Highway Director, announced the salt barn is up, but still needs a floor. They have also

received and are using the new paver.

- B. Brian Campbell, Assistant EMA Director, announced the EMA staff will not be available October 19-22 as they'll be attending a conference in Indianapolis. He also shared they have over \$400,000 in approved grants for the year.

XIII. FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS: None.

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Gary Booth thanked the commissioners for their hard work on the Tempur Sealy project.
- B. David Hunt thanked the department heads for a painless budget process.
- C. Tom Mellish also thanked the department heads, adding his commendation to County Administrator Klein, Auditor Andel and Chief Deputy Auditor Byers for putting together the budget book.

XV. CLAIMS

- A. \$1,200.00 from Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter P.C. for services through 9/27/2021.
 - 1. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XVII. COUNCIL CALENDAR

- A. Next regular meeting: November 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Council/Commissioners Chambers, Courthouse.

XVIII. ADJOURN: Councilman Booth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.

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