

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
June 14, 2022

The June 14, 2022 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, Jake Bohlander, Don Mills, Mark Davidson and Mark Smith. Auditor Jennifer Anandel 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 Don Mills.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 10 and May 17, 2022
  - A. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion passed 7-0.
- 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	0003	Treasurer	30005	Mileage	\$62.00
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30200	Collection Fees	\$50.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30029	Abilities Services	\$15,000.00
1000	County General	0201	Superior Court 1	30001	Travel Expense	\$600.00
1000	County General	9655	EMA	40005	Generator & Other Equipment	\$560.08
	County General Total:					\$16,272.08
1159	Health	0610	Health	30050	Contractual Services	\$3,000.00
	Health Total:					\$3,000.00

- A. Councilman Bohlander made a motion to approved the Additional Appropriations for the Treasurer and Commissioners. Councilman Booth seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for Superior Court 1, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for EMA, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the Health Department. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:								
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
1173	MVH Restricted	0529	Highway	30193	Liability/Prevention	21000	Fuel Oil	\$10,000.00
1173	MVH Restricted	0529	Highway	30194	Contractual Fees	21000	Fuel Oil	\$10,000.00
1176	MVH	0529	Highway	11259	Inventory Clerk	21000	Fuel Oil	\$31,910.00
1176	MVH	0529	Highway	11279	Area Leader	21000	Fuel Oil	\$38,639.00
8109	Community Vaccine Grant	0610	Health	30050	Contractual Services	44500	Equipment	\$100.00
TOTAL:								\$90,649.00

- A. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriations for the Highway Department. Councilman Hunt seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriation for the Health Department. Councilman Bohlander seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- V. New Business:
  - A. 2022 Pay 2023 Tax Abatement Compliance/Continuation:
    - 1. Crawfordsville Solar Array #5 – Resolution 2022-06
    - 2. Darlington Solar Array – Resolution 2022-07
    - 3. IMPA Waynetown Solar – Resolution 2022-08
    - 4. Nucor Steel – Resolution 2022-09

5. Steel Technologies – Resolution 2022-10

- i. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the above Resolutions, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.

C. ERA Declaratory Resolutions:

1. CSI US 231 South – Resolution 2022-11 -- A Resolution Declaring a Certain Parcel at 2326 South U.S. Highway 231, Crawfordsville to be an Economic Revitalization Area
  - i. Councilman Bohlander made a motion approve Resolution 2022-11, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Cold Spring Solar LLC – Resolution 2022-12 – A Resolution Declaring Certain Parcels in Brown Township to be an Economic Revitalization Area
  - i. Jarrod Pitts represented Tenaska and spoke on the plans for the proposed solar park in Brown Township. He was met with many questions, concerns and debate.
  - ii. After much discussion, Pitts requested the Council consider tabling the decision.
  - iii. Councilman Booth made a motion to vote that day and to turn down Resolution 2022-12. Councilman Davidson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Courthouse Design/Repair Discussion referencing DLZ study

1. County Administrator Tom Klein reported the commissioners have approved the design for the exterior of the courthouse and will be approaching council for funds. Councilman Booth asked if the Public Defender's Office will be moving to the courthouse, as discussed in the original agreement. Klein answered there needs to be further discussion with the courts, sheriff and commissioners.

E. Purple Heart Parkway Extension Discussion

1. Klein provided an update on the new parkway. The City has agreed to pay for 41% of the project, with the County paying the remaining 59%. If the City annexes the area, a percentage would be reimbursed to the County. Councilman Hunt suggested adding residential development to the agreement. County Attorney Taylor assured Hunt there was active discussion with residential developers. Klein added the City is looking into extending sewer and water access to the area.

F. Landfill Discussion

1. Random House has offered free dirt to help maintain the landfill. The City is willing to evenly split the cost to pick up and distribute. Klein is working on cost to pick up and distribute.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Special Joint Work Session Meeting Follow-Up – EMS, LIT, Excess Levy, 2023 Budgets

1. Klein announced the specs will be presented for approval at the next Commissioners Meeting.
2. Council President Mellish added there would be two options to finance, either through LIT or requesting excess levy.
3. Klein mentioned the commissioners are still reviewing the Cum Bridge rate.

VII. STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, OR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

- A. County Administrator Klein provided an update on the bicentennial activities. He also congratulated Jake Lough, Highway Director, for obtaining the Road Builder Certificate.
- B. Auditor Andel shared that the June Settlement is complete and the County share went up around \$500,000 for a total of \$6.1 million.
- C. Highway Director Lough provided an update on the highway projects.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Mark Smith commented on the artwork at the Government Center and asked when the open house will be held. Klein answered the plan is in the works for August, trying to coordinate with the Art League and Athens.
- B. Gary Booth said he has received several calls regarding the significant rise in assessed values. Andel spoke up saying the trending factors are up everywhere. Taylor added the trending across the State is typically 2-6%, but is averaging 18-40% this year. Andel reminded everyone of Assessor Bentley's informative interview on the topic that can be found on the county's Facebook page.

IX. CLAIMS:

- A. \$1,113.00 from Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter for services rendered through 05/31/22.
- B. \$3,527.20 from Peters Franklin LTD for services through 05/23/22.
  - a. Councilman Bohlander made a motion to approve both claims, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XI. INSERT:

- A. Next regular meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row.

XII. ADJOURN: Councilman Booth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion

carried 7-0.

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Tom Mellish, President

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David Hunt, Vice President

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Jake Bohlander, Councilman

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Don Mills, Councilman

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Gary Booth, Councilman

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Mark Davidson, Councilman

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Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

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Jennifer Andel, Auditor

