

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 12, 2019  
9:00 a.m. at 100 E Main St  
Room 103  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The February 12, 2019 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the Montgomery County Courthouse in the Council Room. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Greg Morrison, Mark Davidson, Tom Mellish and Mark Smith. Auditor Jennifer Andel and Attorney Rob Reimondo were present, as well as Commissioner President Jim Fulwider, Commissioner John Frey and Attorney Dan Taylor.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Prayer given by Councilman Smith.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
  - A. Resolution 2019-3 – IMPA ERA Area
    - a. Council President Hockersmith opened the Public Hearing for the IMPA ERA designation.
    - b. A motion to approve the ERA designation, per Resolution 2019-3, as made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Mills. With no public comment, the motion carried 7-0.
    - c. The Public Hearing was closed.
  - B. Resolution 2019-4 – IMPA Abatement Request
    - a. Council President Hockersmith opened the Public Hearing for the IMPA Abatement Request.
    - b. A motion to approve the IMPA Abatement Request, per Resolution 2019-4, as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Morrison. With no public comment, the motion carried 7-0. Per Williams, construction is planned to begin March 2019.
    - c. The Public Hearing was closed.
  - C. Resolution 2019-5 – Rescinding Madison Township and Sugar Creek Township ERA's from Resolution 2013-9
    - a. Council President Hockersmith opened the Public Hearing on the ERA designations for Madison and Sugar Creek Townships.
    - b. A motion to rescind the ERA designations for Madison Township and Sugar Creek Township, per Resolution 2019-5, as made by Councilman Davidson, seconded by Councilman Booth. With no public comment, the motion carried 7-0.
    - c. The Public Hearing was closed.
- V. MONEY MATTERS
  - A. Additional Appropriations:
    1. \$871,000.00 Crawfordsville District Public Library - L/R Payment
      - a. Larry Hathaway explained, due to a clerical error with the DLGF, this is technically a re-submission of what was approved in the past.
    2. \$169,720.00 Crawfordsville District Public Library – LIRF
      - a. This request is using funds from the Library Improvement Reserve and will not affect the levy or tax rate.
      - b. A motion to approve lines 1 and 2, as made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Mellish. Motion carried 7-0.
    3. \$35,600.00 to COGEN – Superior 1 – Drug Court Funding (multiple lines)
      - a. Judge Barajas spoke in detail of the Drug Court and its successes. She is requesting the council continue to fund this initiative and the challenges the county will face if it is discontinued.
      - b. A motion to approve line 3, as made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
    4. \$42,660.00 to Drug Free Community (multiple lines)
      - a. Karen Branch, Youth Service Bureau, presented the budget and gave a brief overview of how the coalition works within the community.
      - b. A motion to approve line 4, as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by

Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.

5. \$34,900.00 to Health Fund (moving personnel)
  - a. Amber Reed explained this request is due new system requirements in the Auditor's Office. Currently, an employee is paid out of three grants, and the system doesn't handle that well.
  - b. A motion to approve line 5, as made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
6. \$6,005.15 to PS LIT (Reimbursement)
  - a. Sheriff Needham explained this is a reimbursement from a car/deer accident.
7. \$1,196.00 to PS LIT (PR adjustments)
  - a. Sheriff Needham is requesting this due to a miscalculation in a pay line.
  - b. A motion to approve lines 6 and 7, as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Transfers:

1. \$339.34 from COGEN – EMA – Printing & Advertising (1000.30800.9655) to Office Supplies (1000.24201.9655)
  - a. A motion to approve line 1, as made by Council President Hockersmith, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
2. \$7,500.00 from COGEN – Circuit Court – Law Clerk (1000.30057.0232) to Indigent Defendant Misc. (1000.30062.0232)
  - a. A motion to approve line 2, as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.
3. \$50,000.00 from Highway – Insurance (1176.12051.0529) to Liability/Prevention Costs (1176.30193.0529)
4. \$75,000.00 from Highway – Insurance (1176.12051.0529) to Contractual Fees (1176.30194.0529)
  - a. A motion to approve lines 3 and 4, as made by Councilman Davidson, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
5. \$282.64 from CCC – Contractual Services (4900.30500.0303) to Utilities (4900.30035.0303)
  - a. A motion to approve line 5, as made by Councilman Davidson, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Reductions: None.

VI. New Business:

- A. 2019 Drug Free Montgomery County Presentation – Karen Branch, Montgomery County YSB
  - a. Covered in V.4.a..
- B. Determining Location of Quarterly Evening Council Meetings
  - a. Several locations were discussed, including the courthouse which would cost the county overtime for security. Sheriff Needham extended the offer to host the next meeting at the Jail, which was well received.
  - b. A motion to host the March meeting at the Jail, as made by Councilman Davidson, seconded by Councilman Mellish. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Council Rules of Procedure
  - a. Council President Hockersmith asked to discuss setting rules and procedures for Elected Officials and Department Heads who have business on the agenda, but fail to attend the meeting. He would also like stricter timelines with regards to submitting agenda items, so the council has proper time to prepare and research. He asked Attorney Reimondo to pull the current rules and procedures for review for further discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Contract Renewal – Peters Municipal Consultants, LTD
  - a. A motion to renew the Peters contract, as made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
- E. Andria Geigle – 2019 DOC Grant
  - a. Chief Probation Officer, Andria Geigle, requested permission from council to apply for the DOC Grant.
  - b. A motion to permit Geigle to apply for the DOC Grant, as made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Old Business: None.

VIII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

- A. Commissioners' Reports
- B. President Jim Fulwider announced the Commissioner's Certificate Sale will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the Council Room.
- C. County Attorney Dan Taylor reported he has been working with the ERPS Committee to update the Employee Manual. He announced the County Farm Lease is coming up in March and the commissioners will be putting it out to bid. He also discussed the possible need for a funding modification the Public Defender's lease now that they've added a deputy
- D. Auditor Jennifer Andel reported she is working on the preliminary calculations for abstract.
- E. Treasurer Heather Laffoon thanked the council for approving Low, the new financial software.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- A. Amber Reed, Health Department, extended her gratitude to everyone tackling the opioid crisis in this county.
- B. Chief Probation Officer Andria Geigle invited the council to the next Opioid Council meeting at noon on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Jail.

X. FUNDED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

- A. Ashley Adair, Purdue Extension, provided the council with their 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter "Extension Express" newsletter.
- B. Sina Parks, Soil and Water Conservation, presented their annual report.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

- A. Greg Morrison stated he is already in discussion with Bryan Donaldson regarding the Public Defender's Office and their needs.
- B. Terry Hockersmith shared that, at the beginning of 2017, the county had \$9000 to cover expenses from January through June. This year, the county has around \$3 million for the same period. This is still below what is required, but a marked improvement from 2017 and years past. He commended the council for their hard work on getting the county to this point. He then asked Auditor Andel to briefly clarify the cash ledger and availability of funds.
- C. Jennifer Andel explained that, just because a fund has money in it, does not necessarily mean it's available to use. She went on to explain each type of fund, including its governing body, general uses, or statutory limitation.

XII. CLAIMS: \$140.00 to the Indiana Association of County Council for annual dues.


- a. A motion to approve claims for IACC annual dues, as made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.

XIII. INSERT: Next regular Council Meeting: 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Montgomery County Jail.


XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

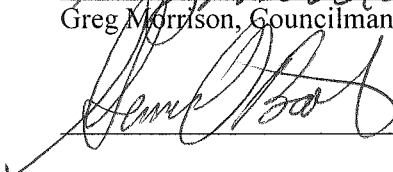
- a. Richard Chastain congratulated the council for bringing county funds to a more operable level.
- b. Cathy Watkins, Sugar Creek Township, commended Councilman Mark Davidson for "leading the charge" against the ERA designations, Attorney Reimondo for figuring out the process and the council for "doing the right thing".

XV. 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

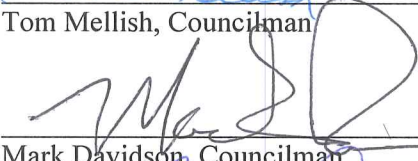
  
Greg Morrison, Councilman



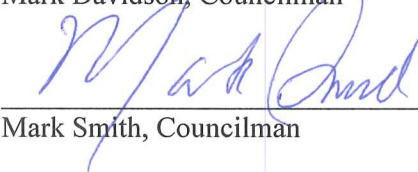
Gary Booth, Councilman



Tom Mellish, Councilman



Mark Davidson, Councilman



Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:



~~Jennifer Andel, Auditor~~

Mindy Byers, Chief Deputy Auditor