

MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The Montgomery County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 8:00 am at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 100 E. Main Street – Room 103, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Present were Board members Board President Commissioner James Fulwider, Vice President Commissioner John Frey and Commissioner Dan Guard. Also present Board Attorney Dan Taylor; County Administrator Mark Casteel; Auditor Jennifer Andel; Health Administrator Amber Reed; Building Administrator Marc Bonwell; County Engineer Jim Peck; E911 Director Sherri Henry; EMA Director Shari Harrington; Assessor Sherri Bentley; Treasurer Heather Laffoon; and Highway Director Jeremy Phillips.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Board President Fulwider called the meeting to order @ 8:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Capehart led the prayer.

II. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2020 - Regular Meeting & January 30, 2020 Executive Session Memorandum

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the January 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes and January 30, 2020 Executive Session Memorandum. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0.

III. Approval of Claims

A. *Commissioner Frey moved to approve the accounts payable claims - \$1,776,281.01 and 1/31/20 payroll claim \$353,334.58. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0.*

Auditor Andel stated that Commissioners Tax Certificate Sale will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ 9:00 am.

IV. Report – Department Heads & Elected Officials

County Engineer James Peck recommended Reith Riley be awarded the Community Crossings Grant Projects- HMA Wedge and Leveling and HMA Overlay as the lowest and most responsive bidder.

Commissioner Guard moved to award the bid to Reith Riley as recommended by the County Engineer. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. 3-0 votes in favor.

Engineer Peck recommended Milestone be awarded approach pavement replacements on Bridge 59 & Bridge 75 projects.

Commissioner Guard moved to award Bridge 59 & Bridge 75 to Milestone. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. 3-0 votes in favor.

Engineer Peck recommended Milestone be awarded the Bridge Scour Protection on bridges: Scour Protection: Bridge 11, 72, 75, 97, 142, 180 & 190.

Commissioner Guard moved to award the bridge scour protections projects to Milestone. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. 3-0 votes in favor.

V. 2020 Contracts

A. Emergency Management Director Shari Harrington - \$52,112 Annual Salary

Commissioner Fulwider stated the Emergency Management Advisory Council approved Director Harrington's Contract at the January 29, 2020 meeting and recommended final approval by the Commissioners. *Commissioner Guard moved to approve the 2020 Emergency Management Director's Contract. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. 3-0 votes in favor. [{2020 EMA Director Shari Harrington Contract}](#)*

VI. A. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2020-2 – Ordinance Establishing FFY 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant Fund - \$2,497.88 – 2020 NEMA Conference

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Ordinance 2020-2 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. 3-0 votes in favor. [{Ordinance 2020-2 Establishing FFY 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant Fund}](#)

B. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2020-3 – Ordinance Establishing FFY 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant Fund - \$3,100 – 2020 CERT National Conference

Commissioner Guard moved to approve Ordinance 2020-3 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. 3-0 votes in favor. [{Ordinance 2020-3 Establishing FFY 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant Fund}](#)

VII. A. AED Equipment Partnership – Memorandum of Understanding – Emergency Management Agency & Montgomery County Commissioners located 110 W South Boulevard

B. AED Equipment Partnership – Memorandum of Understanding – Emergency Management Agency & Montgomery County Probation Department located at 307 Binford Street

Commissioner Frey moved to approve both MOU's for AED Equipment at 307 Binford Street, 110 W South Boulevard. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. 3-0 votes in favor.

[{MOU – EMA and Montgomery County Commissioners/Montgomery County Probation}](#)

C. Crawfordsville Main Street Request to Plant Trees @ Courthouse

Building Administrator Marc Bonwell advised that Crawfordsville Main Street after an audit of the trees in the downtown area have a donor willing to plant two trees per the City specifications which are graded and have verticle roots. One tree to be planted on Market Street and a second tree on Washington Street.

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the request to plant trees by Crawfordsville Main Street. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Commissioner Guard stated he is opposed to the tree planting in general terms and he will have to be convinced otherwise. Commissioner Fulwider stated it may be a different situation since they have the appropriate help to make the right decision on what species of tree would work best. The trees are expected to grow 30' to 60' tall. 2 votes in favor (Fulwider & Frey) – 1 vote opposed (Guard). Motion passed 2-1.

D. Request to Establish Justice Involved Transitional Housing – Probation Department

Chief Probation Officer Andria Geigle advised after conversations with the County Attorney of the situation and the legalities as well as the County's liability, it has been determined that the County would be against the concept. *Commissioner Frey moved to open the request for discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Commissioner Guard asked for an explanation of the request and questioned the people who aren't in trouble, are those people being helped in our community. Ms. Geigle state the County cannot send felons and some could be sex offenders to Tippecanoe County and Greencastle any longer so those people have no where to go. As a community there is a homeless issue in the County and "we literally have people sleeping in tents right now, so it is a problem that needs to be addressed."* Ms. Geigle continued that the State has requested an official vote from the Commissioners denying the request. The funds will still be received from the grant and allocated to a different programs. *Commissioner Frey moved to amend his motion for discussion and move to deny the Request to Establish Justice Involved Transitional Housing. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. 3-0 votes in favor.*

Chief Probation Officer Gieggle requested an amendment to Ordinance 2019-31 which established the fund for the grant. The item will be on the next Commissioners meeting agenda.

E. Introduction Ordinance 2020-5 – Establish Cum Bridge Rate

- F. Introduction Ordinance 2020-6 – Establish Cumulative Capital Development Rate**
- G. Introduction Ordinance 2020-7 – Ordinance Amending the Montgomery County Employees’ Personnel Manual Rules for Smoking in the Workplace**
- H. Introduction Ordinance 2020-8 – Amending Employee Handbook Concerning Employee Possession Of Firearms**

VIII. Other Business

A. Introduction Ordinance 2020-9 Imposing a Vehicle Weight Limit on a Portion of County Road 400 South
Commissioner Frey moved to suspend the rules and add to the agenda for introduction and second reading Ordinance 2020-9 Ordinance Imposing a Vehicle Weight Limit on a Portion of CR400 South. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. 3-0 votes in favor.

Commissioner Fulwider stated a problem continues on CR400S between SR47 and SR231 with heavy trucks using CR400 South as a pass through road causing damage. The Highway Director has recommended imposing a 5-ton weight limits on the road in order to prevent the deterioration of the road caused by trucks carrying loads in excess of the road design and condition.

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Ordinance 2020-9 Imposing a Vehicle Weight Limit on a Portion of County Road 400 South. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. 3-0 votes in favor. [{Ordinance 2020-9}](#)

B. Memorandum of Understanding – City of Crawfordsville/Montgomery County

Commissioner Fulwider stated the purpose of the MOU with the City of Crawfordsville which memorializes the parties’ intentions regarding the provision of emergency building inspection services. The agreement
Commissioner Frey moved to suspend the rules and add the MOU to the agenda. And seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Crawfordsville. And seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0. [{Memorandum of Understanding}](#)

IX. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, *Commissioner Guard moved to adjourn. And Commissioner Frey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 am.

Minutes prepared by Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 @ 8:00 am

@ Montgomery County Courthouse, 100 E. Main Street – Room 103, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

James D. Fulwider, Board President

Attest:

Jennifer Andel, Auditor

****AUDIO RECORDING – FEBRUARY 10, 2020****