

AMENDED CONTINUATION MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL, 600 MEMORIAL DRIVE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN

The Montgomery County Council's continuation of the 2019 Budget Adoption hearing was held October 16, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Montgomery County Jail. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Mark Smith, Mark Davidson, Greg Morrison and Richard Chastain. Auditor Jennifer Anandel and Attorney Ryan Tanselle were present, as well as Commissioner President Jim Fulwider.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the October 9, 2018 minutes as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. 2019 BUDGET ADOPTION: Continuation – All Funds
 - A. Jeremy Phillips, Highway Director, agreed to reduce his request from 6 to 3 new truck drivers.
 - B. Councilman Mark Smith stated he was uncomfortable accepting a raise for 2019 and made a motion to reduce councilman pay to \$3600/each, as it is in 2018, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion died 2-4-1, with Council President Hockersmith, Councilmen Mills, Booth and Davidson in opposition. Councilman Chastain abstained.
 - C. Council President Hockersmith wanted to readdress the 5 new line items in the Commissioner's County General Budget; Financial, Planning, Marketing, Public Relations and Engineering. He felt all but the financial line could be covered through the RDC and that the taxpayers were already paying their share of engineering fees. Councilman Davidson agreed that more work needed to be done on what we already have before spending taxpayer money on redundant planning. Councilman Morrison felt the County needed to work on growth. Councilman Smith does not want to tie the hands of Commissioner's. Council President Hockersmith made a motion to reduce the 4 lines in question (Planning, Marketing, Public Relations and Engineering) to zero, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion passed 4-3, with Councilmen Smith, Morrison and Chastain in opposition.
 - D. Councilman Davidson made a motion to include the new ERPS into the 2019 Budget, seconded by Councilman Chastain. Motion passed 7-0.
 - E. Auditor Anandel suggested increasing the Commissioner's budget to adjust for the SS, Medicare and INPRS costs with the new ERPS. Council President Hockersmith made a motion to move \$350k from the Council budget for Special Appropriations to cover the increases. According to Anandel's calculations, \$150k would need to go into SS/Med and \$200K into INPRS. Councilman Booth seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
 - F. Councilman Booth made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budget, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion passed 7-0.
 - G. The 2019 Budget Adoption hearing was concluded at 3:40 pm.
- V. MONEY MATTERS: None.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS: None.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.
- VIII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:
 - A. Commissioner President Fulwider expressed his disappointment that the Council did not get the budget under \$12 million, as desired.
 - B. Clerk Douglas asked how to approach the ERPS committee. Councilman Booth, committee member, said

the next meeting is TBD, but that an email request should be made to get on the agenda.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

A. Chief Probation Officer Andria Geigle requested the Council share their thoughts on paying her officers more than the State minimum. Councilman Mills said he had requested information regarding their current \$5000 wage supplement and received no response. Councilman Booth felt that anything over the minimum is a bonus and no one else gets a bonus. Council President Hockersmith said this was a point of contention for him, as no one else gets a bonus.

X. FUNDED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

A. Monica Nagele, with the Purdue Extension office, presented her quarterly report.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT: None.

XII. CLAIMS: None.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XIV. INSERT – Next Regular Council Meeting: November 13, 2018

XV. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion passed 7-0.

Terry Hockersmith, President

Don Mills, Vice President

Greg Morrison, Councilman

Gary Booth, Councilman

Richard Chastain, Councilman

Mark Davidson, Councilman

Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

Jennifer Andel, Auditor

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