

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
July 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m.  
100 E Main St, Room 103  
Montgomery County Courthouse

The July 9, 2019 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the Montgomery County Courthouse. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Greg Morrison, Tom Mellish, Mark Smith and Mark Davidson. Auditor Jennifer Andel and Attorney Ryan Tanselle were present, as well as Commissioner President Jim Fulwider 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 Mills.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes, as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carries 6-0. Councilman Morrison not present at time of vote.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS
  - A. Additional Appropriations
    1. \$400.00 to COGEN – Veteran's Svcs – Travel Expenses (1000.30001.000.0012)
    2. \$150.00 to COGEN – Veteran's Svcs – Fuel/Oil (1000.21000.000.0012)
      - a. A motion to approve lines 1 and 2, as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carries 6-0. Councilman Morrison not present at time of vote.
    3. \$14,500.00 to Co Share Sales Disclosure – GIS (1131.30085.000.0008)
      - a. This item was removed, per Assessor Bentley. The claim was paid from an IT line item.
    4. \$563.40 REIMBURSEMENT to PS LIT – Communications (1170.30017.000.0005)
    5. \$1,290.000 REIMBURSEMENT to PS LIT – Lab Supplies (1170.20400.000.0005)
    6. \$23,684.40 to Statewide 911 – Computer/Software (1222.44400.000.0303)
    7. \$3,992.00 to Sheriff Pension – Pension (5501.12089.000.0005)
    8. \$6,000.00 to JCAP Grant – Instructors IAIC (9130.11323.000.0005)
    9. \$33,000.00 to JCAP Grant – Chemical Additions Program (9130.37001.000.0005)
    10. \$4,000.00 to JCAP Grant – Life Skills Class (9130.37005.000.0005)
      - a. A motion to approve lines 4-10, as made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carries 7-0.
    11. \$3,384.97 to Supplemental Adult Probation Svcs (2100.30154.000.0235)
    12. \$3,000.00 to 19-20 Drug Free LCC Grant – Moral Reconciliation Therapy (9126.30902.000.0235)
    13. \$2,650.00 to 19-20 Drug Free LCC Grant – Juvenile Drug Screens (9126.30179.000.0235)
    14. \$2,000.00 to 19-20 Drug Free LCC Grant – Drug Court Participant Incentives (9126.30181.000.0235)
    15. \$1,000.00 to 19-20 Drug Free LCC Grant – Veterans Treatment Court Incentive (9126.30182.000.0235)
    16. \$65,168.00 to 19-20 Veteran Treatment Court Grant – Coordinator/Case Manager (9157.11051.000.0235)
    17. \$12,284.00 to 19-20 Veteran Treatment Court Grant – INPRS/SS/MED (9157.12005.000.0235)
    18. \$300.00 to 19-20 Veteran Treatment Court Grant – Organizational Supplies (9157.24202.000.0235)
    19. \$2,750.00 to 19-20 Veteran Treatment Court Grant – Drug Screens (9157.30139.000.0235)
    20. \$6,000.00 to 19-20 Veteran Treatment Court Grant – Mentor Coordinator Salary (9157.30173.000.0235)
    21. \$2,800.00 to 19-20 Veteran Treatment Court Grant – Mentor Services/Training (9157.30187.000.0235)
    22. \$3,000.00 to 19-20 PSC Drug Court Grant – Chemical Testing (9158.30152.000.0235)
    23. \$1,500.00 to 19-20 PSC Drug Court Grant – Incentives (9158.30183.000.0235)
    24. \$500.00 to 19-20 PSC Drug Court Grant – Emergency Housing (9158.30184.000.0235)
    25. \$200.00 to 19-20 PSC Drug Court Grant – Participant Transportation

- (9158.30185.000.0235)
26. \$2,000.00 to 19-20 PSC Drug Court Grant – Eval/Treat/Med (9158.30186.000.0235)
27. \$2,800.00 to 19-20 PSC Drug Court Grant – Training (9158.30300.000.0235)
28. \$1,250.00 to 19-20 PSC Vet Court Grant – Participant Transportation (9159.30090.000.0235)
29. \$1,500.00 to 19-20 PSC Vet Court Grant – Participant Incentives (9159.30183.000.0235)
30. \$250.00 to 19-20 PSC Vet Court Grant – Emergency Housing (9159.30184.000.0235)
31. \$1,500.00 to 19-20 PSC Vet Court Grant – Eval/Treat/Med (9159.30186.000.0235)
32. \$5,000.00 to 19-20 PSC Vet Court Grant – Training (9159.30300.000.0235)
- a. A motion to approve lines 11-32, as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carries 7-0.
- B. Transfers:
1. \$1,924.95 from COGEN – Treasurer – First Deputy (1000.11503.000.0003) to PT Deputy (1000.11168.000.0003)
  2. \$412.44 from COGEN – Treasurer – Chief Deputy (1000.11300.000.0003) to PT Deputy (1000.11168.000.0003)
    - a. A motion to approve lines 1 and 2, as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mellish. Motion carries 7-0.
  3. \$400.00 from COGEN – Prosecutor – Depositions (1000.30013.000.0009) to Dues & Subscriptions (1000.32100.000.0009)
    - a. A motion to approve, as made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carries 7-0.
  4. \$1,000.00 from COGEN – Superior 1 – Law Clerk (1000.30057.000.0201) to Interpreter (1000.30051.000.0201)
    - a. A motion to approve, as made by Councilman Mellish, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carries 6-1, with Councilman Booth in opposition due to no representation from the Courts.
  5. \$280.58 from COGEN – Jail – Extradition (1000.30119.000.0380) to Extradition Expenses (1000.21002.000.0380)
  6. \$2,418.67 from PS LIT – Drug Investigation/Supplies (1170.24202.000.0005) to Street Expenses (1170.20077.000.0005)
  7. \$2,000.00 from PS LIT – Vehicle Repairs/Equipment (1170.30100.000.0005) to Vehicle Repair/Equipment Supplies (1170.21961.000.0005)
  8. \$500.00 from PS LIT – Seminars & Training (1170.33500.000.0005) to Travel Expenses (1170.21001.000.0005)
  9. \$1,190.68 from PS LIT – Supplies (1170.24202.000.0005) to Travel Expenses (1170.21001.000.0005)
    - a. A motion to approved, as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carries 7-0.
- C. Reductions: None.
- V. New Business:
- A. Resolution 2019-11 – Need for Lease of Office Space for Public Defender Office
    - a. A motion to approve Resolution 2019-11, as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mellish. Motion carries 7-0.
  - B. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment
    - a. Council President Hockersmith stated the requirements and general duties of the appointment, adding it was currently an unpaid position with a term of 4 years. He then nominated John Hedrick and asked for any other nominations. As there were none, he asked Mr. Hedrick if he accepted this nomination, to which he did. A motion to approve the nomination, as made by Council President Hockersmith, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carries 7-0.
  - C. Mace Drainage Issue
    - a. Continued conversation regarding the drainage issue in Mace. Commissioner President Fulwider and Council President Hockersmith were in agreement that the landowners should use the mechanism already in place through the Drainage Board. Surveyor Tom Cummins has been asked to send letters to the landowners in the potential watershed. Councilman Mills added it takes only 10% of the landowners to begin the process. Sanitarian Amber Reed added that the standing water is also causing issues with mosquitoes in the area.
- VI. Old Business:
- A. County Administrator Position
    - a. There was much discussion regarding from which fund to pay this new position. Councilman Booth suggested reducing the Cumulative Bridge rate from 0.75 to 0.7 in 2020, allowing for more funds in County General. Councilman Morrison did not agree that the bridge fund should be affected, but was in favor of funding the position in an effort to move the county forward. Councilmen Mellish and Smith

also spoke in favor of the position. Councilman Davidson suggested funding the position using Riverboat funds. Councilman Morrison made a motion to fund the position using Riverboat funds for 2020, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carries 5-2, with Councilman Booth and Council President Hockersmith in opposition. Hockersmith explained his opposition, feeling this position was just another layer of bureaucracy.

- b. Attorney Taylor explained it was now the Commissioner's responsibility to post the position. The ERPS Committee will need to determine salary and benefits.

VII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

- A. Auditor Andel gave a brief synopsis of the Form 22 from the Spring Settlement, as well as a comparison to last year. She showed the impact of the Cumulative Bridge rate increase in 2019, resulting in approximately 1 million dollars less in the County General fund.
  - a. She is in the process of scheduling training with department heads in the new financial software, so it can be used for the 2020 budget season.
  - b. She reminded Council and Commissioners of the August 6<sup>th</sup> Budget Financial Workshop with the DLGF, adding it is not a public meeting and therefore cannot be a quorum.
  - c. When asked about the county tax rate, she confirmed it did go down.
  - d. She is getting ready to certify net assessed values and added the county growth quotient went down.
  - e. Lastly, she asked the Council to suspend the rules to approve an appropriation to cover the final invoice for the Planning Grant, so it could be closed for 2018. A motion to suspend the rules, as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carries 7-0.
    - i. A motion to approve the appropriation, as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carries 6-1, with Council President Hockersmith in opposition.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- A. County Highway Director, Jeremy Phillips, shared that he has been working with CEL&P in putting a back entrance to lot on Whitlock, which will allow for access via Memorial Drive. CEL&P is clearing the trees and adding lights. He also shared that the new berm machine has been delivered and they are getting ready to run trials.
- B. Sanitarian, Amber Reed, invited all to attend a public reception celebrating the Health Department's recent National Public Health Accreditation. All welcome.
- C. Chief Probation Officer, Andria Geigle, extended her appreciation to the Auditor's Office with their recent help with grants. She also shared there are significant changes coming with Pre-Trial funding and that Judge Siamas will speak more regarding this and the challenges it might present in a future meeting.

IX. FUNDED ORGANIZATION REPORTS: None.

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

- A. Councilman Smith wanted to publicly recognize Amber Reed and the Health Department for their recent National Public Health Accreditation, sharing Montgomery County is only the second to achieve this standard in the State of Indiana.
- B. Councilman Mellish echoed Smith's comments, congratulating the Health Department for this remarkable achievement.
- C. Councilman Booth also congratulated Reed and the Health Department. He shared the RDC projects are moving along. They are still in negotiation with American Water. The Sewer Board is projecting the 32 East project to be at 80% capacity, stating they need to have a plan going forward.

XI. CLAIMS: \$5,328.00 for Capper, Tulley & Reimondo – Services through 06/28/2019


- a. A motion to approve the claim for services rendered in 2Q2019, as made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carries 7-0.


XII. INSERT: Next regular Council Meeting: 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2019 Montgomery County Courthouse

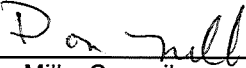
XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

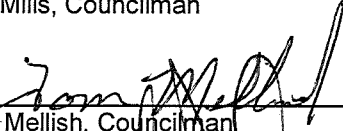
XIV. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.


  
Kerry Hockersmith, President

  
Gary Booth, Vice President

  
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Greg Morrison, Councilman


  
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Don Mills, Councilman

  
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Attest:

  
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Jennifer Andel, Auditor