

MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

The Montgomery County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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; E911 Director Sherri Henry; EMA Director Shari Harrington; 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 Bud Arnold led the prayer.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 24, 2020 - REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the February 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0.

III. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the accounts payable claims - \$2,130,369.858 and 2/28/20 payroll claim \$364,929.39. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2020-5 – An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund

President Jim Fulwider opened the public hearing @ 8:03 am. to Re-establish the Cum Bridge rate at \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed valuation. No one came forward with a public comment.

President Fulwider closed the Cum Bridge Rate Public Hearing @ 8:04 am.

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Ordinance 2020-5 An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0. [{Ordinance 2020-5}](#)

B. Ordinance 2020-6 – An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund

President Jim Fulwider opened the public hearing @ 8:04 am to Re-Establish the Cumulative Capital Development rate at \$0.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation. No one came forward with a public comment.

President Fulwider closed the hearing @ 8:04 am.

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Ordinance 2020-6 An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion passed 3-0. [{Ordinance 2020-6}](#)

V. REPORT – DEPARTMENT HEADS & ELECTED OFFICIALS

A. Health Department

1. Wellness Committee – Health Administrator Amber Reed

Administrator Reed stated the Wellness Coalition is working on a State Board of Health initiative entitled “Wellness in the Work Force”. Currently Wellness for Life and APEX offer wellness solution options for employees that are on the County health insurance plan, which in turn there are no offerings for the other employees.

Commissioner Guard moved to approve the request from the Health Department to form a Wellness Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion passed 3-0.

2. 2020 Census Update – Health Educator Samantha Cravens
Cravens stated the Wellness Coalition are working on the local census which currently includes a Facebook page, various presentations to League of Women Voters. The end goal of the committee is to reach out to all nationalities including Hispanic, Youth and the Homeless. Several options to fill out the census will be available including an online option, by phone, etc. April 1st will be the big “push” where the census takers will receive a roam map and go out door-to-door to make certain all citizens are accounted for.

VI. Old Business

A. 2nd Reading - Ordinance 2020-10 – Ordinance Amending the County Employees’ Personnel Manual Rules for Smoking in the Workplace

Attorney Taylor advised the amendment includes prohibition for smoking in County owned/leased vehicles and to clarify that the County’s smoking prohibitions apply to e-cigarettes.

Commissioner Guard moved to approve on 2nd Reading – Ordinance 2020-7 – Ordinance Amending the Montgomery County Employees’ Personnel Manual Rules for Smoking in the Workplace. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion passed 3-0.

B. 2nd Reading - Ordinance 2020-8 – Amending Employee Handbook Concerning Employee Possession Of Firearms

Attorney Taylor advised the ordinance to permit County employees to possess and carry firearms by stated and federal law. The change does not authorize or allow employees to carry firearms in the Montgomery County Courthouse or the jail. *Commissioner Frey moved to approve Ordinance 2020-8 Amending Employee Handbook Concerning Employee Possession of Firearms. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Attorney Taylor advised that the proposed new rule for employees is more in line with the State law. Motion passed 3-0.*

[*{Ordinance 2020-8 – Amending Montgomery County Employees’ Personnel Policy for Smoking in the Workplace}*](#)

VIII. New Business

A.

IX. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.

Minutes prepared by Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 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