

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 12, 2021

The January 12, 2021 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the City of Crawfordsville Council Chambers. In attendance were Council President Tom Mellish and Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Mark Smith, Mark Davidson, David Hunt and Jake Bohlander. Auditor Jennifer Andel was present, along with County Commissioner John Frey and Dan Guard, County Administrator Tom Klein and County Attorney Dan Taylor.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Mellish called the meeting to order and introduced Jake Bohlander, welcoming him as the newest member to the council. The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer given by Don Mills followed.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 8, 2020
  - a. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
  - a. Gary Booth asked to address the council as a citizen of Montgomery County. He encouraged the council members to be involved, learn the different aspects of county government, make their own unbiased decisions and understand the consequence(s) of their vote. There was also much discussion regarding the decision to change their council attorney.
- IV. ELECTION OF 2021 COUNCIL OFFICERS
  - A. President
    - a. Councilman Smith nominated Tom Mellish to remain as Council President. Councilman Davidson nominated Gary Booth. Mellish closed nominations and asked for a vote. With a show of hands, Mellish retained his position as President with a vote of 4-3. Councilmen Booth, Davidson and Mills voted in opposition.
  - B. Vice President
    - a. Councilman Smith nominated David Hunt as Council Vice President, seconded by Councilman Booth. No other nominations were received. Hunt was voted Vice President with a vote of 7-0.
- V. 2021 Council Appointments were as follows:
  - A. Council Attorney
    - a. Councilman Mellish made a motion to retain Dan Taylor as Council Attorney, seconded by Councilman Smith. Taylor accepted the nomination. Motion was carried 4-3, with Councilmen Booth, Davidson and Mills in opposition.
  - B. Montgomery County Solid Waste District: Don Mills
  - C. Economic Development (2): Mark Smith and Jake Bohlander
  - D. Montgomery County Plan Commission: Mark Davidson
  - E. Alcohol Beverage Board: Dave Long
  - F. Redevelopment Commission (2): Gary Booth and Phil Littell for nomination
    - b. Councilman Booth nominated Dan Fisher for the second open position. Mellish closed nominations and asked for a vote. With a show of hands, Littell

will remain on the Redevelopment Commission with a vote of 6-1. Councilmen Booth voted in opposition. Booth kept his position on the commission with a vote of 7-0.

- G. IT Committee: Jake Bohlander
- H. E911/CCC Governing Board: David Hunt
- I. EMA Advisory Committee: David Hunt
- J. Regional Sewer Board (2): Mark Davidson and Jake Bohlander
- K. ERPS Committee Appointment (2): Tom Mellish and David Hunt

- VI. 2021 Council Home Rule (appointments were as follows):
  - A. Council Budget Committee: Tom Mellish, Gary Booth and David Hunt
  - B. Highway Liaison: Mark Smith
  - C. Sheriff, EMA and CCC Liaison: Mark Davidson
  - D. Health Dept. Liaison: Tom Mellish
  - E. South Blvd Departments Liaison: Jake Bohlander
  - F. Clerk, Judges, Probation, Prosecutor and Public Defender Liaisons (2): Tom Mellish and David Hunt
  - G. Assessor, Auditor, Recorder & Treasurer Liaison: Gary Booth
  - H. County Extension and Soil and Water Liaison: Don Mills
  - I. Animal Welfare League Liaison: Mark Davidson
  - J. Committee to Review Tax Abatement Compliance Requests: Don Mills and Jake Bohlander
  - K. Authority to approve transfers within 1000 series in Budget
    - a. Councilman Booth made a motion to give Council the authority to approve transfers within 1000 series, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carries 7-0.
  - L. Authority to sign the Drainage Board Reconstruction Loans
    - a. Councilman Mills made a motion to give Council President and/or Vice President the authority to sign Drainage Board Reconstruction Loans, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carries 7-0.

VII. MONEY MATTERS:

- A. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Additional Appropriations, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carries 7-0.

| <b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>  |                              |        |                        |              |                          |                             |                     |                           |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Fund                               | Fund Description             | Dept # | Department Description | Account      | Account Description      | Additional Amount Requested |                     |                           |
| 2100                               | Supplemental Adult Probation | 0235   | Probation              | 11523        | Probation Officer Salary | \$25,450.00                 |                     |                           |
| 2100                               | Supplemental Adult Probation | 0235   | Probation              | 44523        | Vehicle                  | \$28,500.00                 |                     |                           |
| <b>TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:</b> |                              |        |                        |              |                          |                             |                     |                           |
| Fund                               | Fund Description             | Dept # | Department             | From Account | Account Description      | To Account                  | Account Description | Transfer Amount Requested |
| 1000                               | County General               | 0009   | Prosecutor             | 30016        | Copier Lease             | 30128                       | IT Contract         | \$50.00                   |
| XXXX                               |                              |        |                        |              |                          |                             |                     | \$50.00                   |

- B. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve Transfer of Appropriations, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0
- C. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve Encumbrances in the County General Fund, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve Encumbrances in all Highway funds, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve Encumbrances in the Riverboat Fund, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.

| <b>ENCUMBRING OF APPROPRIATIONS:</b> |                     |        |            |         |                               |               |            |                              |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Fund                                 | Fund Description    | Dept # | Department | Account | Account Description           | Invoice Info  | Date Due   | Encumbrance Amount Requested |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 0003   | Treasurer  | 24201   | Office Supplies               | Multiple      | 1/8/2021   | \$1,200.03                   |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 0007   | Coroner    | 44500   | Equipment                     | 1972          | 1/29/2021  | \$2,604.83                   |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 0007   | Coroner    | 30210   | Autopsy                       | 1129318       | 12/30/2020 | \$493.00                     |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 9655   | EMA        | 20009   | Clothing                      | 70295         | 1/7/2021   | \$144.49                     |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 9655   | EMA        | 20009   | Clothing                      | SI-113865     | 1/14/2021  | \$128.29                     |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 9655   | EMA        | 30036   | Phone                         | 1327117       | 1/4/2021   | \$600.82                     |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 9655   | EMA        | 30036   | Phone                         | 287290114879X | 1/11/2021  | \$32.49                      |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 9655   | EMA        | 40005   | Generator and Other Equipment | 106410        | 1/11/2021  | \$396.00                     |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 9655   | EMA        | 40005   | Generator and Other Equipment | 1632279618    | 1/25/2021  | \$67.17                      |
| 1000                                 | County General      | 9655   | EMA        | 40005   | Generator and Other Equipment | POS           | 1/11/2021  | \$5.85                       |
| 1135                                 | Cumulative Bridge   | 0529   | Highway    | 60005   | Bridge 79                     | 19201-22      | 1/25/2021  | \$600.00                     |
| 1169                                 | Local Road & Street | 0529   | Highway    | 44235   | Road Resurfacing              | 22027097      | 1/25/2021  | \$9,980.08                   |
| 1169                                 | Local Road & Street | 0529   | Highway    | 44235   | Road Resurfacing              | 22026130      | 1/25/2021  | \$5,251.57                   |
| 1169                                 | Local Road & Street | 0529   | Highway    | 44235   | Road Resurfacing              | 22026668      | 1/15/2021  | \$618.43                     |
| 1169                                 | Local Road & Street | 0529   | Highway    | 44235   | Road Resurfacing              | 22026669      | 1/15/2021  | \$7,723.06                   |
| 1169                                 | Local Road & Street | 0529   | Highway    | 44235   | Road Resurfacing              | 30771182      | 1/25/2021  | \$19,181.19                  |
| 1173                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 20015   | Stone Gravel & Sand           | 30771182      | 1/25/2021  | \$50,653.62                  |
| 1173                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 20015   | Stone Gravel & Sand           | 30739269      | 1/25/2021  | \$37,772.40                  |
| 1173                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 20015   | Stone Gravel & Sand           | 30712524      | 1/25/2021  | \$44,770.41                  |
| 1173                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 20015   | Stone Gravel & Sand           | 30671200      | 1/25/2021  | \$803.12                     |
| 1173                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 21000   | Fuel Oil                      | 2358433       | 1/25/2021  | \$17,296.72                  |
| 1173                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 21000   | Fuel Oil                      | 2358403       | 1/25/2021  | \$16,200.00                  |
| 1176                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 24201   | Office Supplies               | 13135690      | 1/16/2021  | \$63.36                      |
| 1176                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 44524   | Radio Equipment               | 45977         | 12/16/2020 | \$881.06                     |
| 1176                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 44235   | Road Resurfacing              | 22026129      | 1/15/2021  | \$1,580.29                   |
| 1176                                 | MVH                 | 0529   | Highway    | 21000   | Fuel Oil                      | 2126397       | 1/25/2021  | \$610.50                     |

|      |           |      |               |       |                           |             |            |             |
|------|-----------|------|---------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 774407      | 1/25/2021  | \$58.22     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 775943      | 1/25/2021  | \$16.63     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | LAFRO778786 | 1/25/2021  | \$2,252.86  |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | LAFRO778786 | 1/25/2021  | \$485.12    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | LAFRO778786 | 1/25/2021  | \$896.04    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30600 | Building Repairs          | 33007/19    | 1/25/2021  | \$29.94     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | 20P48361    | 1/25/2021  | \$425.25    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 21000 | Fuel Oil                  | 9699        | 1/25/2021  | \$144.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30600 | Building Repairs          | 332933/1    | 1/25/2021  | \$23.76     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30600 | Building Repairs          | 333005/1    | 1/25/2021  | \$17.99     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30600 | Building Repairs          | 333013/1    | 1/25/2021  | \$16.47     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23572 | Safety Equipment          | 32938/1     | 1/25/2021  | \$18.98     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 24201 | Office Supplies           | 13110868    | 1/25/2021  | \$193.99    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 0367769-IN  | 12/23/2020 | \$20.50     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | 9671        | 11/9/2020  | \$730.43    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23522 | Tires, Tubes & Batteries  | 820064759   | 1/25/2021  | \$48.00     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23522 | Tires, Tubes & Batteries  | 820064620   | 1/25/2021  | \$217.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23522 | Tires, Tubes & Batteries  | 820064598   | 1/25/2021  | \$18.75     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 776237      | 1/25/2021  | \$55.70     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 776150      | 1/25/2021  | \$26.43     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 776050      | 1/25/2021  | \$3.99      |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 775760      | 1/25/2021  | \$12.63     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 775625      | 1/25/2021  | \$25.98     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 774484      | 1/25/2021  | \$48.24     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 773856      | 1/25/2021  | \$14.00     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 774167      | 1/25/2021  | \$279.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 775331      | 1/25/2021  | \$37.18     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | in06-268190 | 1/25/2021  | \$121.56    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | IN06-268014 | 1/25/2021  | \$30.63     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | IN06-268031 | 1/25/2021  | \$40.21     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 21000 | Fuel Oil                  | NW-0057     | 1/25/2021  | \$900.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 44501 | Equipment                 | 15995       | 1/25/2021  | \$954.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 44500 | Equipment                 | 15995       | 1/25/2021  | \$1,591.13  |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30600 | Building Repairs          | 5011261     | 1/25/2021  | \$59.12     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30600 | Building Repairs          | 5011269     | 1/25/2021  | \$21.94     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30600 | Building Repairs          | 5525138     | 1/25/2021  | \$15.92     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23572 | Safety                    | 085629A     | 1/25/2021  | \$1,487.10  |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | INCRA133046 | 1/22/2021  | \$37.04     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 23523 | Other Garage & Motor      | 136915      | 1/25/2021  | \$68.40     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 30139 | Drug Testing              | 1792600     | 1/25/2021  | \$240.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 44500 | Equipment                 | 57122       | 1/17/2021  | \$390.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 44500 | Equipment                 | 57163       | 1/23/2021  | \$346.75    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 44500 | Equipment                 | 57093       | 1/14/2021  | \$72.30     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 13002 | Cintas                    | 4070703022  | 1/25/2021  | \$155.98    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 25132 | Calcium & Sodium Chloride | 5197608     | 1/25/2021  | \$19,263.07 |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | 0066392-IN  | 1/25/2021  | \$70.00     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | 0066386-IN  | 1/25/2021  | \$37.50     |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 33450 | Repair,Labor & Parts      | 0066354-IN  | 1/25/2021  | \$495.00    |
| 1176 | MVH       | 0529 | Highway       | 21000 | Fuel Oil                  | 9669        | 1/25/2021  | \$144.00    |
| 1191 | Riverboat | 0068 | Commissioners | 31123 | Long Term Marketing       | Contract    | 1/20/2021  | \$10,000.00 |
| 1191 | Riverboat | 0068 | Commissioners | 31132 | Long Term Marketing       | Contract    | 1/20/2021  | \$40,000.00 |

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- A. New Business:
  - A. 2021 Council Attorney Contract (Engagement Letter)
    - a. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Booth and Davidson in opposition.
  - B. 2021 Sheriff Contract
    - a. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.
  - C. Q4 2020 Commissary Report was presented by Sheriff Needham.
  - D. 2021 Commissary Resolution – 2021-1
    - a. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.
  - E. Councilman Booth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Councilman Booth followed with a motion to retain Peters Municipal Consulting for 2021, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. OLD BUSINESS: None.
- C. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:
  - A. Tom Klein, County Administrator, had several announcements. He started by congratulating the three council members who won their election last year; Booth, Hunt and Bohlander. He announced the new Mapping Department, which will be led by Mike Davis. He announced Jake Lough as the new Highway Director, thanking he and his team for their hard work during the last few snow days. He recognized the Health Department for their great work with the testing and new vaccination sites. He advised the Council there might be a need for additional appropriations to help pay for the new salt barn. In honor of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, which was January 9<sup>th</sup>, he publicly thanked all of our officers. He ended by recognizing the following employees for special work anniversaries:
    - a. Angela Pearson-Swazay, 25 years
    - b. Greg Miller, 20 years
    - c. Susie Fearrin, 20 years
    - d. Lonnie Jones, 10 years (solely as Jail Commander)
    - e. Brittany Haslam, 5 years
  - B. Auditor Jennifer Andel announced she is getting ready to roll out the new 2021 Budget in the financial system. She warned department heads that, until 2020 is officially closed in LOW, both budgets will show live. Her office is working on IRS reports; 1099, 1095, W-2's. Her Payroll Deputy is updating LOW in order to start tracking time and attendance. Andel is also working towards automating Accounts Payable, so departments will be able to enter their claims through LOW.
- D. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
  - A. Building Department – Marc Bonwell announced the addition of a new subdivision called Eagles Nest Estates. He also shared the remodel of the courthouse elevator cab is complete.
  - B. County Engineer – James Peck spoke in detail about the many projects he is currently working on. He also announced the approval of the Community Crossing Matching Grant, which is an 80/20 split and will help pave about 7 miles of road.
  - C. County Highway Director – Jake Lough
  - D. Health Department – Amber Reed expressed her appreciation to all of the departments who have worked with her in order to get the vaccination sites up and running. She asked for continued flexibility as they move forward. Many councilmen

praised her and her team for their hard work through these difficult times. Councilman Mellish acknowledged that Reed and the Health Department were recently awarded with the Journal Review's annual Shining Star contest.

- E. Probation – Andria Geigle shared she is continuing with the grant process.
- F. Mapping – Mike Davis shared that the county would be receiving new aerial photography, thanks to unexpended funds provided by the Assessor.

E. FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS: None.

F. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Mark Smith had received a concern regarding road conditions. He asked to speak with Jim Peck and Jake Lough after the meeting.

G. CLAIMS: None.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

- I. INSERT: Next regular meeting – February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., location TBD, in compliance with public health emergency protocols at that time

- J. ADJOURN: Councilman Mills made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 7-0.

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Tom Mellish, President

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David Hunt, Vice President

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Jake Bohlander, Councilman

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Don Mills, Councilman

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Gary Booth, Councilman

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Mark Davidson, Councilman

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Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

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Jennifer Andel, Auditor

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