

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 12, 2022

The July 12, 2022 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the Community Meeting Room of the Montgomery County Government Center. In attendance were Council President Tom Mellish and Councilmen David Hunt, Gary Booth, Jake Bohlander, Don Mills, and Mark Smith. Auditor Jennifer Anandel was present, along with County Administrator Tom Klein and County Attorney Dan Taylor.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Mellish called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer given by Mark Smith.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 14, 2022
 - A. Councilman Booth made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion passed 6-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1119	Clerk's Perpetuation	0001	Clerk of Courts	44400	Computer/Software	\$9,000.00
	Clerk's Perpetuation Total:					\$9,000.00
1135	Cumulative Bridge	0529	Highway	47380	Bond Payment Principal	\$258,886.16
	Cumulative Bridge Total:					\$258,886.16
1168	Local Health Maintenance	0610	Health	44500	Equipment	\$4,111.64
	Local Health Maintenance Total:					\$4,111.64
1170	PS LIT (Reimbursement)	0005	Sheriff	21961	Vehicle/Police Equipment	\$176.55
1170	PS LIT (Reimbursement)	0005	Sheriff	30017	Communications	\$1,628.92
1170	PS LIT (Reimbursement)	0005	Sheriff	30100	Vehicle/Equipment Repair	\$307.45
	PS LIT (Reimbursement) Total:					\$2,112.92
2500	County User Fee	0235	Probation	21919	Incentives	\$459.88
2500	County User Fee	0235	Probation	21919	Incentives	\$155.79
	County User Fee Total:					\$615.67
4975	K-9 Gift Fund	0005	Sheriff	30161	K-9 Maintenance	\$88.00
	K-9 Gift Fund Total:					\$88.00
9148	PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	30184	Emergency Housing	\$440.00
9148	PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	30156	Treatment	\$800.00
9148	PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	30152	Chemical Testing	\$2,800.00
9148	PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$1,200.00
9148	PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	30002	Travel/Training	\$2,760.00
	PSC Drug Court Total:					\$8,000.00
9149	PSC Vet Court	0235	Probation	30184	Emergency Housing	\$450.00
9149	PSC Vet Court	0235	Probation	30185	Participant Transportation	\$550.00
9149	PSC Vet Court	0235	Probation	30152	Chemical Testing	\$2,000.00
9149	PSC Vet Court	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$1,000.00
9149	PSC Vet Court	0235	Probation	30002	Travel/Training	\$4,000.00
	PSC Vet Court Total:					\$8,000.00
9145	DFMC LCC Grant	0235	Probation	30179	Juvenile & Young Adult Drug Screen	\$1,680.00
9145	DFMC LCC Grant	0235	Probation	30181	Drug Court Participant Incentives	\$3,000.00
9145	DFMC LCC Grant	0235	Probation	31221	Veteran Treatment Court Participant Incentives	\$1,000.00
9145	DFMC LCC Grant	0235	Probation	30902	Cognitive Behavioral Programs	\$2,600.00
9145	DFMC LCC Grant	0235	Probation	30180	Substance Abuse Assessments	\$4,050.00
	DFMC LCC Grant Total:					\$12,330.00
GRAND TOTAL:						\$303,144.39

A. Councilman Bohlander made a motion to approve all of the Additional Appropriations as presented. This was seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:								
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
1000	County General	0202	Superior Court #2	30057	Law Clerk	24201	Office Supplies	\$7,822.00
1000	County General	0202	Superior Court #2	44521	Furniture & Fixture	24201	Office Supplies	\$250.00
TOTAL:								\$8,072.00

A. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriations as presented. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS:						
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Reduction Amount Requested
1135	Cum Bridge	0306	Engineering	47101	Capital Improvements	\$40,483.00
1135	Cum Bridge	0306	Engineering	60005	Bridge 79	\$218,403.16
8164	FY21 HMEP	9655	EMA	36013	Mass Notification System	\$2,959.52
TOTAL:						\$261,845.68

- A. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the Reduction of Appropriations as presented. Councilman Bohlander seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- V. At 9:08 a.m. Council President Mellish opened the Public Hearing for the Confirmatory Resolution for the CSI (South) Tax Abatement. Hearing no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:10.
- VI. New Business:
- A. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 – Confirmatory Resolution Granting CSI Tax Abatement – was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. ERPS Committee Recommendations, presented by Tom Klein:
1. EM-HS Request: Requested Director increase. The ERPS Committee recommendation was to increase Director Harrington’s salary up to \$59,500, effective 1/1/2023. A motion to approve the request as recommended was made by Councilman Hunt, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 6-0.
 2. Sheriff’s Request: Increase salaries for all Jail and Courthouse Security Employees as outlined in a supplied Excel spreadsheet – essentially increasing that base salary to \$40,000, with additional funding to cover prior years of service cost of living adjustments. The ERPS Committee recommendation was to grant the request as presented, effective 1/1/23. A motion to approve the request as recommended by the ERPS Committee was made by Councilman Bohlander, seconded by Councilman Hunt. Motion carried 6-0.
 3. Auditor’s Request: Create a new internal move position – First Deputy, with pay increase; change current open position to part time, effective immediately. The ERPS Committee did not provide either a positive or negative recommendation, but after questions were answered Councilman Booth moved to approve the request as presented, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Ordinance 2022-3 – Mileage Reimbursement Adjustment:
1. Due to increased fuel prices, the State of Indiana’s fuel reimbursement rate has increased to \$0.49 per mile. The County’s current reimbursement rate is \$0.40. A motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 6-0.
 2. A motion to approve the Ordinance, which increases the reimbursement rate retroactively to 7/1/2022, was made by Councilman Hunt, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. Council President Mellish pointed out that the November 8th Council meeting conflicted with General Election Day. County offices are closed on election days, so he suggested that the November meeting be moved to Tuesday, November 15th. A motion to approve this meeting date change was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Bohlander. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. Unit review, binding reviews and recommendation discussion: The County Council must review levy limits and tax cap limitations for all units, and make written recommendations to all local units regarding them. This generally happens at the first meeting in August, which will be the 8th. The Council also discussed the draft of the budget timeline, Budget Hearing and Adoption dates.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Strategic Plan and Funding Options Continuing Discussion – Countywide EMS, LIT, Excess Levy, 2023 Budgets
1. County Administrator Tom Klein reported that to date there had been two letters of intent to bid for the Countywide EMS project, from the City of Crawfordsville and Heartland Ambulance Service.
 2. Financial Consultant Jeff Peters provided reports on several items:
 - a. Cumulative Bridge fund rate analysis, and its effects upon other levies.
 - b. A brief explanation of PSAP LIT, its impact per 0.01% and the potential cash to be freed in the General fund if adopted.
 - c. Explained that EMS LIT was only an option if the County provides the coverage for all units.
 - d. Explained the Excess Levy Appeal process.
 - e. Provided a comparative analysis of the County’s fiscal options, the net returns of each, and how those would impact our homeowners and taxpayers.
- VIII. STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, OR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS
- A. Administrator Klein reported on several matters
1. The Budget Timeline is in place, showing the dates of the upcoming Budget-associated deadlines and meetings.
 2. Tox-Away day had seen a good amount of participation. 192 vehicles went through the line to

dispose of hazardous materials.

3. He announced that there was an upcoming Civic Band program on July 17th at 3:00p.m. at the Lane Place, and the Bicentennial Committee would be represented there as well.
4. There will be a Ribbon-Cutting/Open House event for the Government Center on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:00p.m.
5. Administrator Klein reminded those present that United Consulting was reviewing our Bridge Plan, and their information may have an impact on 2023 budgets.

B. Auditor Andel reported that June settlement had been completed and disbursed. She also reported that they had received the gross assessed values from the Assessor, and had begun the certification of net assessed values process.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Councilman Mills reported that he would be representing the Bicentennial Committee at the next Waveland Town Board meeting.
- B. Councilman Smith commented that he was looking forward to the open house and appreciated the positive improvements at the Government Center.
- C. Councilman Booth commented on the progress of the new Tempur Sealy facility on Comfort Drive.

X. CLAIMS:

- A. \$871.72 – Peters Franklin for services rendered through 06/27/2022
- B. \$15,400.00 – Ritter Strategic Services for EMS Draft & Final Reports and the EMS RFP
- C. \$1,911.00 – Attorney Taylor's services through 6/26/2022
 1. A motion to approve all claims as presented was made by Councilman Bohlander, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 6-0.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XII. INSERT:

- A. Next regular meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row.

XIII. ADJOURN: Councilman Booth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom Mellish, President

David Hunt, Vice President

Jake Bohlander, Councilman

Don Mills, Councilman

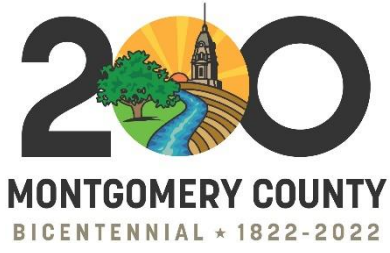
Gary Booth, Councilman

Mark Davidson, Councilman

Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

Jennifer Andel, Auditor



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