

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
January 13, 2026

The January 13, 2026 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 Members Gary Booth, Brett Cating, Joyce Grimble, David Hunt, Steve Loy, Matt Nelson and Mike Warren. Auditor Mindy Byers, and Attorney Dan Taylor were also present.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council Member Hunt called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: Council Member Nelson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 6-1 with Council Member Booth voting against.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. ELECTION OF 2026 COUNCIL OFFICERS:
  - A. Council Member Hunt asked for nominations for Council President. Council Member Loy moved to retain Council Member Hunt as Council President and Council Member Grimble as Vice President. That motion was seconded by council member Nelson. Council Member Cating moved to close officer nominations, seconded by Council Member Loy. That carried 7-0. The ensuing vote to retain the same President and Vice President as 2025 also carried 7-0.
- V. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:
  - A. Council Member Grimble moved to retain the same Council appointments as 2025. That motion was seconded by Council Member Warren. The motion carried 7-0.
  - B. The 2026 Council appointments are therefore:
    1. Dan Taylor will be retained as Council Attorney
    2. Council Member Nelson reappointed to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Management District.
    3. Council Member Loy reappointed to the Montgomery County Plan Commission.
    4. David Long reappointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.
    5. Council Member Booth and Brad Monts reappointed to the Redevelopment Commission.
    6. Council Members Grimble and Warren reappointed to the Regional Sewer District Board.
    7. John Hedrick III reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
    8. John Downey, Lindsey Hamilton and Patricia Richey reappointed to the Property Tax Board of Appeals.
    9. Council Members Hunt and Warren, and Jessica Bokhart reappointed to the Economic Development Commission.
    10. Council President and Council Vice President reappointed to the Economic Development Authority.
    11. Council President reappointed to CCC Governing Board.
- VI. APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
  - A. Liaisons to Departments:
    1. Council Member Booth: CCC, Coroner, EM-HS, Highway & Sheriff/Jail
    2. Council Member Cating: Health Department
    3. Council Member Grimble: Extension Office, Soil & Water Conservation District and assist Council Member Hunt with his Departments.
    4. Council Member Hunt: Clerk, Judges, Probation, Prosecutor and Public Defender.
    5. Council Member Loy: Building/Maintenance, Commissioners, Mapping, Surveyor, Veteran's Services, Weights & Measures.
    6. Council Member Nelson: Assessor, Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer.
  - B. Liaisons to Other Funded Organizations: Council Member Cating to be retained as the Council liaison to the Animal Welfare League.

C. Committee Appointments:

1. Council Member Warren was reappointed to the Information Technology Committee.
2. Council Member Loy was reappointed to the Internal Controls and Risk Management Committees.
3. Council Members Booth and Nelson were reappointed to serve on the Tax Abatement Committee.
4. Council Member Grimble was reappointed to the HIPAA Compliance Committee.

VII. 2026 COUNCIL HOME RULE:

A. A motion to continue allowing Department Heads to transfer appropriations within the same series, with the exception of series 1000 items (same as 2025) was made by Council Member Cating and seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-1 with Council Member Booth voting against.

B. A motion granting authority to the Council President and Vice President (should the Council President be unavailable) to sign Drain Reconstruction Loans was made by Council Member Booth. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble, and carried 7-0.

VIII. MONEY MATTERS:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Dept #	Department	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	0005	Sheriff	11205 Major		Process Server (RJ)	\$1,379.00
1119	Clerk's Records Perpetuation	0001	Clerk	0001	Clerk	11692 Courts Deputy - PT		Courts Deputy	\$20,000.00
								Expendables/Gloves PPE	\$21,379.00
								TOTAL:	

A. Council Member Grimble moved to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and passed 7-0.

B. Council Member Cating moved to approve the Clerk's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 7-0.

**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11975	Process Server (LM)	11945	Process Server (RJ)	\$38,900.00
1000	County General	0001	Clerk	11600	Courts Deputy	11693	Courts Deputy	\$20,000.00
1000	County General	0001	Clerk	11600	Courts Deputy	11694	Courts Deputy	\$13,081.00
1000	County General	0007	Coroner	30210	Autopsy	22011	Expendables/Gloves PPE	\$14,943.49
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A. Council Member Warren moved to approve the Sheriff's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 7-0.

B. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Clerk's transfer requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 7-0.

C. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Coroner's transfer requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble and carried 7-0.

D. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Health Department's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren and carried 6-0.

**ENCUMBERING OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Invoice Info	Invoice Date	Encumbrance Amount
1000	County General	0201	Superior Court #1	30500	Equipment Repairs	Zahn's - INV-1386	12/12/2025	\$4,644.76
1000	County General	9655	EMHS	30036	Phone	Metronet	12/14/2025	\$493.01
1000	County General	0232	Circuit Court	44521	Furniture & Fixtures	DP Supply	12/22/2025	\$1,861.44
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30005	Mileage	n/a	12/31/2025	\$64.68
1000	County General	9655	EMHS	30035	Utilities	413967	12/30/2025	\$60.00
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	20500	Ammunition & Firearm Supplies	3288182	12/19/2025	\$2,420.00
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	20450	Educational Supplies	CJ0000018581	12/31/2025	\$8.50
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	24202	Office Supplies	JPMorgan Chase	12/26/2025	\$50.08
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	24202	Office Supplies	Amazon	12/22/2025	\$99.80
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	30099	Software Licenses and Maintenance	Adobe	12/15/2025	\$122.36
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	30350	Training Education Fuel Travel	JPMorgan Chase	12/26/2025	\$23.23
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	30350	Training Education Fuel Travel	JPMorgan Chase	12/26/2025	\$46.52
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	30400	Repairs & Maintenance	Van Ausdall & Farrar	12/22/2025	\$374.41
1161	Health HFI GPHC	0610	Health	32100	Dues & Subscriptions	NALBOH	10/28/2025	\$250.00
8120	PHEP Grant	0610	Health	44500	Equipment	Amazon	12/22/2025	\$83.90
							TO TAL:	\$10,802.69

A. Council Member Warren moved to approve all of the encumbrance requests as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 7-0.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2026-1 – The 2026 Sheriff's Compensation Agreement was presented for approval. A motion to approve it in the amount of \$121,691.00 was made by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Resolution 2026-2 – The 2026 Attorney Engagement Letter was presented by Attorney Taylor. The terms were the same except for an increase in the rate from \$245/hour to \$255/hour. A motion to approve the engagement letter was made by Council member Nelson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble and carried 7-0.

C. Resolution 2026-3 – The authority to spend Commissary funds on specific items is agreed upon annually by the Sheriff and Council. There was no change to the list for 2026. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Council Member Grimble. The motion was seconded by Council Member Booth and carried 7-0.

D. Resolution 2026-4 – The Council meeting schedule for 2026 as agreed upon at the December 2025 meeting was formalized in this resolution. A motion to approve was made by Council Member Warren and seconded by Council Member Cating. The motion carried 7-0.

E. Highway Director Jake Lough requested that the Council allow him to do away with the truck driver levels that were designated in the compensation plan. He would prefer to continue to handle them as he always has, allowing longevity to compensate the drivers for their additional experience rather than the compensation plan's step program. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Cating, and seconded by Council Member Nelson. The motion carried 7-0.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Final reading of Ordinance 2025-7 was presented by Attorney Taylor. This ordinance is for the purpose of updating the County's investment policy to comply with new legislation. A motion to approve was made by Council Member Warren. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble and carried 7-0.

II. REPORTS:

A. County Auditor Mindy Byers reported that the 2025 ending cash balance in the County General fund was \$12.2million, which was \$600k higher than what was used for budget estimations, leaving the County in a good position to start the year.

B. Council Members thanked everyone for their continued trust and efforts going into another year, and were supportive of the Indiana Hoosier's upcoming championship opportunity.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

IV. NEXT MEETING:

February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109.

V. ADJOURN: Council Member Nelson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Grimble. Motion carried 7-0.




Gary Booth, Council Member

Brett Cating, Council Member


  
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Joyce Gimble, Council Member

  
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David Hunt, Council Member

  
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Steve Loy, Council Member

  
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Matt Nelson, Council Member

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Mike Warren, Council Member

Attest:  
  
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Mindy Byers, Auditor

