

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
February 10, 2026

The February 10, 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, and Matt Nelson. 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 Grimble. Motion carried 6-0.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

IV. **MONEY MATTERS:**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Amount Requested
1235	PSAP LIT	0303	MCCCC	11813	Supervisor	\$7,100.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11505	Deputy	\$70,618.00
9104	Adult Guardianship VASIA Grant	0202	Superior Court 2	30055	Adult Guardianship Services	\$40,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$117,718.00</b>

A. Council Member Loy moved to approve MCCCC's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and passed 6-0.

B. Council Member Grimble moved to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Booth and carried 6-0.

C. Council Member Booth moved to approve Superior Court 2's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.

**REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Amount Requested
1000	County General	0202	Superior Court 2	30057	Law Clerk	\$10,000.00
1170	PS LIT	0005	Sheriff	11975	Process Server (LM)	\$6,059.53
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$16,059.53</b>

A. Council Member Nelson moved to approve both of the reduction requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Booth and carried 6-0.

**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount
1101	Accident Report	0005	Sheriff	44500	Equipment	33500	Seminars & Training	\$11,965.50
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11975	Process Server	11945	Process Server	\$1,167.00
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>\$13,132.50</b>

A. Council Member Booth moved to approve all of the transfer requests as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble and carried 6-0.

ENCUMBRING OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Invoice Date	Vendor	Encumbrance Amount Requested
1000	County General	0001	Clerk	33500	Mileage	12/9/2025	Sondra Sixberry	\$531.65
1000	County General	0001	Clerk	24201	Office Supplies	12/11/2025	Amazon	\$23.92
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	44400	Computer/Software	6/1/2025	RBM Consulting	\$54,533.00
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	21860	Election Supplies	11/3/2025	Amazon	\$70.04
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	21860	Election Supplies	10/23/2025	Amazon	\$80.92
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	21860	Election Supplies	10/23/2025	Amazon	\$202.93
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	21860	Election Supplies	12/9/2025	Amazon	\$1,790.41
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	24201	Office Supplies	6/23/2025	Edge IT	\$68.39
1000	County General	0006	Surveyor	21000	Fuel/Oil	12/31/2025	Keystone Cooperative	\$58.95
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30029	Abilities Services Inc 2nd half 2025 Contract	12/31/2025	Abilities Services Inc.	\$15,000.00
8005	2025 READI Grant	0068	Commissioners	30050	Contractual Services	Contractual payment	Gradex	\$118,576.10
4899	Nucor TIF 1 General	0701	Redevelopment	30050	Contractual Services	Contractual payment	Lochmueller	\$47,676.92
4850	RDC Non-TIF General	0701	Redevelopment	30069	Contractual Svcs/Cap Outlay	Contractual payment	Lochmueller	\$30,162.70
1000	County General	9616	IT	44500	Equipment	8/8/2025	HVC	\$3,441.48
1000	County General	9616	IT	44500	Equipment	8/8/2025	Edge IT	\$1,626.40
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	20009	Clothing Allowance	12/23/2025	Amazon	\$315.45
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	20009	Clothing Allowance	12/29/2025	Amazon	\$94.97
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	21000	Fuel	12/2/2025	Keystone Cooperative	\$298.94
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30100	Vehicle Repair/Equipment	12/23/2025	Amazon	\$1,009.19
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30100	Vehicle Repair/Equipment	12/29/2025	Jiffy Lube	\$127.95
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30100	Vehicle Repair/Equipment	12/29/2025	Jiffy Lube	\$115.96
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30001	Travel Expenses	12/29/2025	American Airlines	\$622.97
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30001	Travel Expenses	12/29/2025	Southwest Airlines	\$648.37
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30035	Utilities	12/30/2025	YouTube TV	\$72.99
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30127	EOC	12/26/2025	JP Morgan Chase	\$57.26
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30035	Utilities	12/26/2025	JP Morgan Chase	\$52.99
1000	County General	24201	Office Supplies	24201	Office Supplies	12/26/2025	JP Morgan Chase	\$21.39
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30100	Vehicle Repair/Equipment	12/26/2025	JP Morgan Chase	\$20.00
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30001	Travel Expenses	12/26/2025	JP Morgan Chase	\$10.72
1000	County General	0610	Health Department	22030	Medical Supplies	Multiple	TeeShirt Shoppe	\$1,602.36
1161	Health HF/GPHC	0610	Health Department	21910	Medical Supplies	12/29/2025	McKesson	\$2,083.00
1161	Health HF/GPHC	0610	Health Department	21910	Software Licenses & Maint	Multiple	Edge IT	\$693.00
1161	Health HF/GPHC	0610	Health Department	30099	Repairs & Maintenance	Multiple	Heimer Scientific	\$1,888.16
1161	Health HF/GPHC	0610	Health Department	30400	Repairs & Maintenance	12/18/2025	Heimer Scientific	\$297,076.03
					TOTAL			

A. Council Member Grumble moved to approve all of the encumbrance requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 6-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sheriff Ryan Needham reported that some counters in the Jail intake area needed to be replaced. He requested that the Council permit him to use Commissary funds to do so. A motion to approve that request was made by Council Member Nelson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 6-0.

B. Resolution 2026-5 – Reaffirming the Nucor Towers Allocation Area to be an Economic Revitalization Area and Granting Personal Property and Real Property Tax Abatements.

Nucor Towers & Structures has applied for both Real Estate and Business Personal Property abatements for the new facility located at 4129 East Ladoga Road. Representatives Sean Brewer and Gunnar Pierce from Nucor Towers and Structures were present to answer questions and explain the nature of the business -- the product of the plant will be power grid infrastructures.

Attorney Taylor explained that there are several steps to the granting of an abatement. This resolution is one of the first steps, with hearings and other resolutions to follow. Council Member Nelson moved to approve Resolution 2026-5. Council Member Booth seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

C. Youth Service Bureau Executive Director Karen Branch presented a report to the Council of all of the services and initiatives that the Youth Service Bureau had undertaken in the prior year, with the help of the director of Drug Free Montgomery County, Diamond Justus. She also reported on the fiscal side of those activities, explained 2026 budget needs, and requested approval of the presented budget. A motion to accept the report and budget as presented was made by Council Member Grumble. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.

D. Attorney Dan Taylor then presented annual training to the Council. Throughout he cited Indiana codes that govern Council procedures, identifying possible effects of new legislation, provided reminders of local Council home rule policies and explained how recently-decided cases may impact County operations.

E. Chief Deputy Auditor Jennifer Andel presented the 2025 End of Year/4<sup>th</sup> Quarter financial report for the major County funds, providing explanation to the provided chart and graphs. The overall consensus is that nearly all major funds received more cash than was spent, and the original budgets were adhered to. Areas of concern are the PSAP LIT and EMS

levy funds' cash balances. EMS had numerous additional expenditures in early 2025 due to invoicing delays, and the PSAP LIT fund cash balance at the end of 2025 was over 17% lower than 1/1/25.

I. OLD BUSINESS: None.

II. REPORTS:

- A. Council Member Grumble requested that the rules be suspended so that the Swick's catering claim could be approved. That was seconded by Council Member Nelson, carrying 6-0. A motion to approve the claim was made by Council Member Grumble and seconded by Cating. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Assistant Highway Director Cale Stephens provided some statistics on the January 26<sup>th</sup> snow event. Clearing the roads required 2,200 man-hours. Employees drove 25,000 miles. There were almost 4,500 gallons of fuel consumed and spent \$40,000 on salt and sand. The Council thanked the team for their great work, and Mr. Stephens announced that he was proud to report 100% attendance by their staff, which was greatly appreciated.
- C. Council Member Cating thanked the Council Members for delivering lunches to county employees. He also thanked the Highway team for all of their hard work.
- D. Council Member Loy reminded those present of the importance of joint meetings between the Council, Commissioners, City/Mayor, RDC in order to address areas of concern, coordinate efforts and clarify the needs of all involved. He also stressed the importance of planning for how the happenings in Boone and Tippecanoe county will be affecting our county. He will continue pushing for the big meeting in the upcoming weeks.
- E. Council Member Grumble reminded everyone about Valentine's Day.
- F. Council Member Hunt reported that he had reached out about a larger group meeting in the June timeframe after Jeff Peters had provided the comprehensive financial report.
- G. Council Member Cating also reminded those present that Commissioner Executive Assistant Lori Dossett had been recognized as 2025 Employee of the Year. She had also announced her retirement in May.
- H. County Administrator Klein also reported that Mapping Director Mike Davis would be retiring later in 2026 as well.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

IV. NEXT MEETING:


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

V. ADJOURN: Council Member Booth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Loy. Motion carried 6-0.

  
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Gary Booth, Council Member

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Brett Cating, Council Member

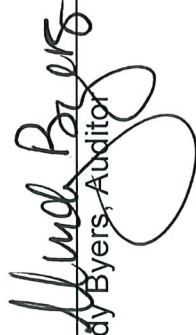
  
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Mindy Byers, Auditor

