

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 13, 2024

The February 13, 2024, 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 Jake Bohlander, Gary Booth, Brett Cating, Joyce Grumble, Steve Loy and Matt Nelson. Chief Deputy Auditor Jennifer Anandel, County Administrator Tom Klein and Attorney Dan Taylor were also present.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council Vice President Bohlander called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer from Council Member Nelson.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Council Member Bohlander moved to approve the December 2023 and January 2024 minutes, seconded by Council Member Cating. Council Member Loy asked that his appointment to the JRAC committee be noted in the January minutes. Minutes approved, with additional posting listed, 6-0. Council Member Grumble moved to approve the Council claims, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0. Council Member Booth moved to accept the Auditor EOY Transfer report, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 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
1000	County General	0660	Prosecutor IV-D (Child S	11160	Deputy Prosecutor	\$5,245.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	44523	Vehicle Purchase	\$63,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	44524	Radio Equipment	\$4,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	21961	Vehicle/Police Equipment/Supplies	\$10,950.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11851	Salary Line for new SRO	\$84,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11250	Sheriff Deputy (ES)	\$67,500.00
8950	ARP CSLFR Grant 21.027	0068	Commissioners	30050	Contractual Services	\$1,829,984.00
2100	Supplemental Adult Probation	0235	Probation	44523	Vehicle Purchase	\$47,000.00
9157	2024 PSC Family Recovery Co	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$2,000.00
9157	2024 PSC Family Recovery Co	0235	Probation	30152	Chemical Testing	\$1,500.00
9157	2024 PSC Family Recovery Co	0235	Probation	30002	Travel/Training	\$5,000.00
9157	2024 PSC Family Recovery Co	0235	Probation	30183	Participant Services	\$1,500.00
9158	2024 PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	24201	Office Supplies	\$500.00
9158	2024 PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$2,000.00
9158	2024 PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	30002	Travel/Training	\$5,000.00
9158	2024 PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	30152	Chemical Testing	\$3,500.00
9158	2024 PSC Drug Court	0235	Probation	30183	Participant Services	\$2,000.00
9159	2024 PSC Veterans Treatment	0235	Probation	24201	Office Supplies	\$290.00
9159	2024 PSC Veterans Treatment	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$1,500.00
9159	2024 PSC Veterans Treatment	0235	Probation	30002	Travel/Training	\$3,500.00
9159	2024 PSC Veterans Treatment	0235	Probation	30152	Chemical Testing	\$3,210.00
9159	2024 PSC Veterans Treatment	0235	Probation	30183	Participant Services	\$1,500.00
1148	Drug Free Community	0610	Health Department	30130	LCC Administrative Expenses	\$13,012.88
1148	Drug Free Community	0610	Health Department	20450	LCC Education/Prevention	\$13,079.88
1148	Drug Free Community	0610	Health Department	30131	LCC Intervention/Treatment	\$13,155.88
1148	Drug Free Community	0610	Health Department	30132	LCC Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice	\$14,414.88
TOTAL						\$2,198,342.52

- A. Council Member Cating moved to approve the Prosecutor IV-D's additional appropriation transfer request. Council Member Loy seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.
- B. Council Member Loy moved to approve all of the Sheriff's additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grumble and carried 6-0.
- C. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Commissioner's additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 6-0.
- D. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Probation Department's vehicle purchase additional appropriation request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grumble and carried 6-0. Chief Probation Officer Andria Geigle asked why the request for permission to purchase the vehicle was not on the agenda. Attorney Taylor confirmed that purchase agreements lie with the Commissioners, not Council. As long as the Council has already approved the appropriation, no further votes were needed. Council Member Loy asked approximately how many were currently on

probation in Montgomery County. Chief Probation Officer Geigle estimated that figure to be somewhere in the 700's, and confirmed that approximately 80% of those are drug-related charges.

- E. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the remaining additional appropriation requests from Probation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble and carried 6-0.
- F. Council Member Cating moved to approve the Health Department's additional appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 6-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:								
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount Requested
1159	Health	0610	Health	24202	Clinical Supplies	24208	Patient Supplies	\$1,500.00
1176	Highway	0529	Highway	13002	Uniforms Required	22033	Uniform Rental (Cintas)	\$15,400.00
TOTAL								\$16,900.00

- A. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the Health Department's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 6-0.
- B. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Highway Department's transfer request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.

ENCUMBERING OF APPROPRIATIONS:								
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Invoice Date	Vendor	Encumbrance Amount Requested
1119	Clerk's Perpetuation	0001	Clerk	24202	Supplies	12/22/2023	American Stamp	\$826.86
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	13000	Wellness Center	12/18/2023	Proactive MSO, LLC	\$1,510.73
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30021	Inmates & Institutions	12/31/2023	CFS Corp	\$9,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30037	Cell Phone Costs	12/11/2023	FirstNet	\$3,134.91
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30087	Insurance	12/19/2023	RT Insurance	\$3,344.95
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30157	Public Defender Office/Parking Lease	12/28/2023	First Merchant's Bank	\$200.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30230	Attorney Fees	12/27/2023	Taylor, et al	\$12,981.24
1138	CCD	0068	Commissioners	30650	Courthouse Repairs Building	Ongoing Contracts	DLZ	\$80,572.55
1000	County General	0104	Election Expense	21860	Election Supplies	12/26/2023	Amazon	\$267.03
1000	County General	0201	Superior Court 1	30256	Drug Court Treatment	???	???	\$855.71
1000	County General	0202	Superior Court 2	30055	Adult Guardianship Svcs	???	???	\$37,300.00
4899	RDC Nucor TIF 1 General	0701	Redevelopment	30050	Contractual Services	Ongoing Contracts	BCS, Peters Franklin, Lochmueller	\$54,293.18
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4899	RDC Nucor TIF 1 General	0701	Redevelopment	30106	Economic Dev Board	12/28/2023	Truax, Phillips & Matthews ROW's	\$198,126.14
4899	RDC Nucor TIF 1 General	0701	Redevelopment	30106	Economic Dev Board	???	ROW Purchases	\$207,875.96
4899	RDC Nucor TIF 1 General	0701	Redevelopment	30160	Other Services and Charges	Ongoing Contracts	Lochmueller & KSM	\$241,881.82
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4899	RDC Nucor TIF 1 General	0701	Redevelopment	47384	Bond Payment P & I	1/5/2024	Regions	\$280,693.71
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	24201	Office Supplies	12/22/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$25.29
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	24201	Office Supplies	12/26/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$35.56
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	30036	Phone	12/22/2023	Metronet	\$650.38
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	30100	Vehicle/Equipment Repair	???	Kevin Crull	\$100.00
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	30100	Vehicle/Equipment Repair	12/26/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$38.94
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	30100	Vehicle/Equipment Repair	11/28/2023	Amazon	\$59.00
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	30100	Vehicle/Equipment Repair	12/26/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$38.28
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	30127	EOC	12/22/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$41.39
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	30800	Printing & Advertising	12/26/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$129.79
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	33500	Seminars & Training	12/26/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$111.31
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	40005	Generator & Other Equipment	12/22/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$296.17
1000	County General	9655	EMA/HS	40005	Generator & Other Equipment	12/26/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$1,099.99
8425	LEPC Grant	9655	EMA/HS	30800	Printing & Advertising	12/26/2023	JP Morgan Chase	\$20.53
TOTAL								\$1,431,686.42

- A. Council Member Loy moved to approve all encumbrance requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating and carried 6-0. Council Member Grimble asked why there were question marks on the encumbrance requests, and Chief Deputy Auditor Andel explained that the information to complete the columns had not been received by the meeting date.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Executive Director of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau (YSB), Karen Branch, presented the Council with a detailed report outlining 2023 accomplishments and discussing upcoming events for 2024. Those included Teen Tobacco/Vape Court, the Nourish program, CASA services, the JUMP program, IYG LGBTQ+ programs, annual summits, alternative school, and many more activities. Executive Director Branch also announced that the organization had won a \$527K Lilly Grant which would be used to provide a no-fee, full time therapist. She also introduced Diamond Justus, who is the YSB's new Drug Free Coordinator. Council Member Grimble asked Director Branch if there had been many alternative school graduates. Branch reported that there had been 15 graduates since the pandemic, and that most of the current enrollees were freshmen. Council Member Loy moved to accept the 2023 annual report from the YSB and approve the 2024 Budget as presented and appropriated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grimble and carried 6-0.
- B. Attorney Taylor provided the Annual Council Training to those present. While he did not go through the entire digest of the provided handbook, he did highlight several important topics. Those topics included: Council rules of procedure, the budget process, additional appropriations, transfers, reductions and encumbrances, the tax levy equation, compensation responsibilities, borrowing money, Rainy Day fund, tax abatements, open door law, case studies and new legislation effecting

county finances.

- C. Council Vice President Bohlander reported that the Council needs to appoint one citizen to serve on the Montgomery County Economic Development Commission. The citizen is not allowed to live within the City of Crawfordsville. Jessica Bokhart, Managing Partner and Senior Financial Planner at Market Street Wealth Management Advisors, had been recommended to the Council. A motion to accept Jessica Bokhart as the Council's Economic Development Commission appointee was made by Council Member Loy, seconded by Council Member Grimble. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. DLZ Project Manager Henry Stellema presented plan recommendations and cost estimates for the Courthouse exterior repairs and partial interior remodel. Mr. Stellema and Building Director Marc Bonwell both underlined the importance of fixing the exterior issues as soon as possible. A less expensive and more lightweight roofing material was also recommended. The estimated cost for the recommended external repairs using the lighter roofing material, addition of restrooms and rearrangement of offices internally is around \$5million. Financial Consultants from Peters Franklin, LTD will present financing options at the next Council meeting if the Council agrees to move forward with the project. Council Member Booth voiced his disappointment that bringing the Public Defender's office back to the Courthouse was not part of the plan. A motion to move ahead with the previously described Courthouse repair and remodeling project as presented was made by Council Member Cating, seconded by Council Member Booth. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. Chief Deputy Auditor Andel presented the Council with a graphical representation of the 2023 4th Quarter Financial Report. In nearly all cases, fund expenditures were less than revenues and cash balances for all major funds reflected a net increase. 2023's unprecedented interest rates put many funds' miscellaneous revenues far above estimated amounts.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Council Member Bohlander announced that David Long would be willing to continue serving as the Council's nominee to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. A motion to approve this nomination was made by Council Member Loy, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. REPORTS:

A. Funded Organization: None.

B. Department Heads:

1. County Administrator Tom Klein reported that Captain Travis King had been voted Employee of the Year for 2023. Administrator Klein also provided updates on the Nucor Overpass project, and reminded those present that the County had applied for a READI grant to help finance it. He also mentioned that the State and Lilly are making hundreds of millions of additional funding available in READI funds for the use of improving quality of life in our state. The County does plan to apply for more economic development grants through the READI program.
2. Attorney Taylor announced that the Commissioners had started the process to re-establish the Cumulative Bridge Fund rate for 2025, which is something that has to be done annually. He also informed the Council that Tyler Nichols and/or he can provide training and/or training materials for all boards and commissions upon request.

C. Elected Officials: None

D. Councilors:

1. Council Member Loy reported that he and Council Member Grimble had been continuing to educate themselves on criminal justice processes, having conversations with various department heads, state agencies and JRAC. He reported that there were many complements for Montgomery County and their initiatives.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

IX. NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109.

X. ADJOURN: Council Member Nelson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Grimble. Motion carried 6-0.

David Hunt, Council President

Jake Bohlander, Council Vice President

Gary Booth, Council Member

Brett Cating, Council Member

Joyce Grimble, Council Member

Steve Loy, Council Member

Matt Nelson, Council Member

Attest:

Mindy Byers, Auditor

