

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 14, 2024

The May 14, 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 Gary Booth, Brett Cating, Joyce Grimble, David Hunt, Steve Loy and Matt Nelson. Chief Deputy Auditor Jennifer Andel, Commissioners John Frey and Jim Fulwider, County Administrator Tom Klein and Attorney Dan Taylor were also present.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hunt called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for fallen officers, and prayer.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Council Member Cating moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Loy. 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 Requested
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30050	Contractual Services	\$37,500.00
1000	County General	0202	Superior Court #2	30051	Interpreter	\$3,491.77
1000	County General	0235	Probation	11032	Salary	\$24,000.00
2100	Supplemental Adult Probation	0235	Probation	30051	Interpreter	\$6,000.00
2100	Supplemental Adult Probation	0235	Probation	33010	Office/Maintenance	\$5,000.00
1222	Statewide 911	0303	MCCCC	11021	OT	\$27,000.00
1159	Health	0610	Health Department	44523	Vehicle Purchase	\$48,127.25
8130	Bulletproof Vest Grant	0005	Sheriff	44500	Equipment	\$668.50
TOTAL:						\$151,787.52

- A. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the Commissioners' County General fund additional appropriation request, to be used for the Thrive contract. Council Member Loy seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.
- B. Council Member Loy moved to approve Superior Court #2's grant fund additional appropriation request. Council Member Cating seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.
- C. Council Member Grimble moved to approve the Probation Department's County General fund additional appropriation request, which is to be used for a trainee's salary. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loy and carried 5-1 with Council Member Cating casting the "nay" vote.
- D. Council Member Loy moved to approve the Probation Department's user fee fund additional appropriation requests, which are needed for additional interpreter services and for new flooring in the Probation building's lobby. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating, and carried 6-0.
- E. Council Member Cating moved to approve the MCCCC's additional appropriation request for overtime pay. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried 6-0.
- F. Council Member Cating moved to approve the Health Department's additional appropriation request for a vehicle purchase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Booth, and carried 6-0.
- G. Council Member Nelson moved to approve the Sheriff's bulletproof vest grant fund additional appropriation request. 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 Requested
4900	MCCCC	0303	Central Communications Center	30007	Radio & Warranty Maintenance	24201	Office Supplies	\$8,000.00
4900	MCCCC	0303	Central Communications Center	30007	Radio & Warranty Maintenance	30400	Repairs & Maintenance	\$20,000.00
4900	MCCCC	0303	Central Communications Center	44500	Equipment	44524	Radio Equipment	\$2,811.90
9189	DOC CRRP Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	11027	Salary (EC)	12005	MED/SS/INPRS	\$1,342.00
9190	DOC Grant	0235	Probation	11026	Salary (BY)	12050	Group Insurance	\$2,905.00
9190	DOC Grant	0235	Probation	11524	Salary (FM)	12050	Group Insurance	\$1,301.00
9190	DOC Grant	0235	Probation	12005	SS/MED/INPRS	12050	Group Insurance	\$648.00
TOTAL:								\$37,007.90

- A. Council Member Loy moved to approve the MCCCC's transfer requestes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cating, and carried 6-0.
- B. Council Member Booth moved to approve the Probation Department's transfer requests. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson, and carried 6-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Prosecutor Joe Buser's long-time Office Administrator has retired, so he had requested that the starting salary for the replacement Office Administrator (who formerly served has his Administrative Assistant) be set at \$48,000 and the Administrative Assistant starting salary be changed to \$35,000. The Council's discussion centered around using the following table, as it had the previous month, to determine starting pay in this type of situation:

		OPTION 1			OPTION 2			OPTION 3	OPTION 4	
	Series & Grade	Base Pay from 2019 Job Classification Document	2020 Base Pay 2% Raise	2021 Base Pay 2% Raise	2022 Base Pay 2% Raise	2023 Base Pay 2% Raise	2024 Base Pay 10% Raise	2024 Budgeted Amount		Council's Decision:
Chief Deputy Treasurer	6,2.32	38,284	39,050	39,831	40,627	41,440	45,583	45,584		Option 2, 4/9/2024
Deputy Treasurer	3,2.35	30,500	31,110	31,732	32,367	33,014	36,316	34,390		Option 2, 4/9/2024
Recorder	8,2.32	42,758	43,613	44,485	45,375	46,283	50,911	52,967		Option 2, 4/9/2024
	Series & Grade	Base Pay from 2019 Job Classification Document	2020 Base Pay 2% Raise	2021 Base Pay 2% Raise	2022 Base Pay 2% Raise	2023 Base Pay 2% Raise	2024 Base Pay 4.9% Raise	2024 Budgeted Amount	Prosecutor's Request	Council's Decision:
Prosecutor Office Admin	3,2.45	31,110	31,732	32,367	33,014	33,674	35,325	48,494	48,300	
Prosecutor Admin Assistant	3,2.25	29,500	30,090	30,692	31,306	31,932	33,496	38,478	35,000	

Council Members agreed that option 2 again be a fair calculation to use in determining the starting pay for those positions. Option 2 is basically the 2019 base pay, plus the cost of living increases from the intervening years. A motion to approve Option 2 (as shown on the above spreadsheet) was made by Council Member Cating, seconded by Council Member Booth. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Montgomery County Community Foundation Chief Executive Officer Kelly Taylor presented the Council with an informative report regarding the status of the Montgomery County Early Learning Center (MCELC). She reported that construction to expand the facility was already underway. That will increase the space from 6,700 square feet to 14,000. The facility is set to open in Spring of 2025. Mrs. Taylor's full presentation can be found on the Council's website at: https://www.montgomerycounty.in.gov/egov/documents/1717788104_10843.pdf Part of the presentation described the funding gap associated with the Early Learning Center. The per-child expenses are \$4,000 higher than the per-child revenue. Because of that, she asked the Council to provide sustainability funding to the MCELC in the amount of \$125,000 per year for the next 5 years, beginning in January of 2025. Council Member Grimble moved to make that pledge, seconded by Council Member Loy. In the discussion that followed, Council Members Booth and Cating stated that they would like to have more information on this and some of the other infrastructural plans and expenditures coming up before making this a funding commitment. Council Member Grimble then amended her motion to move that the Council take a positive stance on looking into possibly providing the requested support. Council Member Loy concurred; the amended motion carried 6-0.
- C. Chief Deputy Andel presented the 1st Quarter fiscal update. All budget and cash balances are currently where they have been estimated to be, with the exception of interest revenue which is higher than expected due to the continued high interest rates.
- D. Attorney Taylor presented the Courthouse Project funding timeline to the Council. He informed the Council that it would be up to them to determine the need for the Project at the June 11 meeting in

order for the bond issuance to take place in October, which is the goal.

- E. There was a brief discussion of the Central Communication Center's cash usage, and future funding possibilities. Chief Deputy Andel had prepared a projection spreadsheet which showed that the expenditures would be greater than the incomes for both the Statewide 911 fund and the PSAP LIT fund, beginning in 2025. She suggested looking at and removing some of the unnecessary budget items from those funds. Commissioner Fulwider, who also chairs the CCC Governing Board, confirmed that the cash consumption was not a surprise, and discussed the possibility of using other Public Safety LIT funding or obtain City/County contributions to make up any shortfalls.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. REPORTS:

A. Funded Organizations, Department Heads, Elected Officials:

- 1. County Administrator Klein reminded those present that the Fallen Officer Memorial Service would be held on May 15 at 5:00 on the grounds of the Jail. He also reported that Purple Heart Parkway was progressing as scheduled and that the hope is that it be completed mid-August to September of this year. Administrator Klein also reported that he had learned that Nucor Coatings would be requesting an abatement; more to come on that as construction and development of that facility moves ahead.
- 2. Attorney Taylor mentioned to the Council that he would be providing them with more information on some of the new laws that had passed which affect County finance. As an example, he mentioned that a law has been passed which allows Councils the option of exempting mobile homes from taxation.

B. Councilors:

- 1. Council Member Cating asked Administrator Klein to arrange a meeting with Kent Irwin to ensure that the salary study is on schedule.
- 2. Council Member Grimble reported that she and Council Member Loy had attended the Drug Court graduation ceremony, and was impressed by the accomplishments of the enrollees as well as Judge Petrie. She had also attended the Mental Health brunch, hosted by Denise Walker, who is working with other community members on attacking youth mental health issues. Council Member Grimble also noted that on May 3rd there had been newspaper articles about the local Blood Transfusion program and the Swaddle program with Darren Forman. She appreciates the positive attention those programs bring to our community.
- 3. Council Member Loy reminded those present that the JRAC meeting would be at noon on May 14th.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

IX. NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109.

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

David Hunt, Council President

Jake Bohlander, Council Vice President

Gary Booth, Council Member

Brett Cating, Council Member

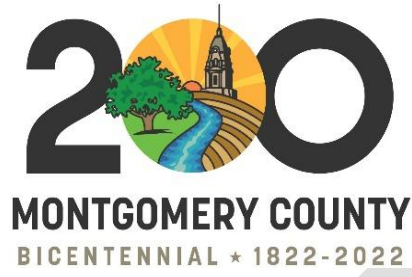
Joyce Grimble, Council Member

Steve Loy, Council Member

Matt Nelson, Council Member

Attest:

Mindy Byers, Auditor



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