

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
January 10, 2023

The January 10, 2023, 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, Jake Bohlander, Brett Cating, Joyce Grimble, David Hunt, Steve Loy and Matt Nelson. Auditor Mindy Byers was present, along with County Administrator Tom Klein.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council Member David Hunt called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.
  
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.
  
- III. ELECTION OF 2023 COUNCIL OFFICERS:
  - A. Council Member Booth nominated Council Member Hunt for Council President, and moved that nominations be closed. This was seconded by Council Member Loy. Motion carried 7-0.
  - B. Council Member Loy nominated Council Member Bohlander for Council Vice President, and moved that nominations be closed. This was seconded by Council Member Booth. Motion carried 7-0.
  
- IV. APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL:
  - A. Council President Hunt appointed Dan Taylor and team to continue as the Council's Attorney. Council approved 7-0.
  - B. Hunt appointed Council Member Nelson to the Montgomery County Solid Waste District; Council approved 7-0.
  - C. Hunt appointed Council Member Loy to the Montgomery County Plan Commission; Council approved 7-0.
  - D. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission appointment has not yet been confirmed. Council President Hunt will reach out to the current appointee, David Long.
  - E. Hunt reappointed Council Member Booth and Phillip Littell to serve on the Redevelopment Commission. Council approved 7-0.
  - F. Council Member Bohlander and Council Member Grimble were appointed to the Regional Sewer District Board; Council approved 7-0.
  - G. John Hedrick II was reappointed to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council approved 7-0.
  - H. The appointment to the Property Tax Board of Appeals was not yet certain. Council President Hunt is going confirm the availability of current appointee, Mel Vance.
  - I. One of the members of the Economic Development Commission is moving out of the county, so Council President Hunt was going to make inquiries about a replacement, and present that to the Council Members at a later date.
  
- V. APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
  - A. Liaisons to Departments:
    1. Council Members Bohlander and Hunt: Clerk, Judges, Probation, Prosecutor and Public Defender Departments.
    2. Council Member Booth: Highway, Sheriff, Emergency Management-Homeland Security, Coroner and Central Communications Departments.
    3. Council Member Cating: Health Department.
    4. Council Member Grimble: Soil and Water Conservation District and the Extension Office.
    5. Council Member Loy: Commissioners, Mapping, Building/Maintenance, Surveyor, Veteran's Services and Weights & Measures Departments.
    6. Council Member Nelson: Assessor, Auditor, Recorder & Treasurer Departments.
  - B. Liaison to Other Organizations:
    1. Council Member Cating was appointed to serve on the board of the Animal Welfare League.
  - C. Internal Committee Appointments:
    1. Council Member Bohlander: ERPS, Information Technology and Tax Abatement Committees
    2. Council Member Grimble: HIPAA Compliance Committee
    3. Council President Hunt: ERPS Committee
    4. Council Member Loy: Internal Controls Committee
    5. Council Member Nelson: Tax Abatement Committee

VI. 2023 COUNCIL HOME RULE:

- A. Much deliberation was made over granting authority to approve same-series appropriation transfers. Councilmen Booth and Cating discussed the importance of monitoring appropriations, and that not all same-series transfers are the same.
  - 1. Council Member Booth moved that the Council be the only authority to approve same-series transfers. That motion failed for lack of a second.
  - 2. Council Member Cating moved that Department Heads be granted the authority to approve same-series transfers for series 2,3 & 4 (supplies, services, capital improvements). This motion was seconded by Council Member Bohlander. Council Member Booth moved to amend that motion to limit that authority to series 2 and 3 transfers only, and only those under \$5,000. That motion to amend failed for lack of a second. Council Member Loy then moved to amend the original motion to add required monthly reporting of same-series transfers, seconded by Council Member Grimble. Motion to amend the original motion carried 7-0. Original motion carried 6-1, with Council Member Booth voting against.
- B. Council Member Grimble moved that the Council President and Vice President (in the absence of the President) be granted the authority to sign 2023 Drainage Board loans. This was seconded by Council Member Loy, and the motion carried 7-0.

VII. MONEY MATTERS:

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	From Account	Account Description	To Account	Account Description	Transfer Amount	Amount Approved
								Requested	by Fiscal Body
1170	Public Safety LIT	0380	Jail	30081	Special Appropriations	20001	Cleaning & Sanitation	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0380	Jail	30081	Special Appropriations	20004	Meals	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0380	Jail	30081	Special Appropriations	20450	Education & Prevention	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0380	Jail	30081	Special Appropriations	30083	Service Agreements	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0380	Jail	30081	Special Appropriations	30118	Institute & Medical	\$390,000.00	\$390,000.00
XXXX	TOTAL:							\$851,000.00	\$851,000.00

- A. Council Member Booth moved to approve all appropriation transfer requests as presented, seconded by Council Member Grimble. Motion carried 7-0.

ENCUMBRING OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department	Account	Account Description	Invoice Info	Date Due	Encumbrance
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1000	Auditor's Inelig Dedu	0002	Auditor	24201	Office Supplies	Mitsch Design	2023 Q1	\$1,057.59
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	24201	Office Supplies	Mitsch Design	2023 Q1	\$2,724.03
1181	Plat Book	0002	Auditor	30050	Contractual Services	Mitsch Design	2023 Q1	\$3,324.29
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30050	Contractual Services	Hobson Electric	Jan. 2023	\$963.06
1000	County General	0003	Treasurer	30050	Contractual Services	Amazon	Jan. 2023	\$100.00
1000	County General	0061	Council	30081	Special Appropriations	LOW	2023 Q1	\$38,400.00
1000	County General	0068	Commission	30035	Utilities	Svcs	Jan. 2023	\$327.35
1138	CCD	0068	Commission	30650	Engineering	USI & RWAW	ASAP	\$16,399.25
1000	County General	0313	Maintenance	21850	Building Supplies	CP Products	Jan. 2023	\$667.28
1000	County General	0313	Maintenance	21850	Building Supplies	Country	Jan. 2023	\$435.75
1000	County General	0313	Maintenance	21850	Building Supplies	JPMC/Multi	Jan. 2023	\$255.85
1000	County General	0313	Maintenance	21850	Building Supplies	UniFirst	Jan. 2023	\$197.79
1000	County General	0313	Maintenance	45023	HVAC Services	Hay-Bush	Jan. 2023	\$325.00
1000	County General	9616	IT	30050	Contractual Services	Edge IT	ASAP	\$31,040.00
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	20009	Clothing	Nelson & Co	ASAP	\$692.54
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30035	Utilities	Exterminators	Jan. 2023	\$60.00
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30036	Phone	AT&T Mobility	Jan. 2023	\$1.25
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30036	Phone	Metronet	Jan. 2023	\$623.14
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30100	Vehicle Repair & Equipm	JPMC/Multi	Jan. 2023	\$309.41
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30127	EOC	JPMC/Topline	Jan. 2023	\$64.00
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30800	Printing & Advertising	Van Ausdall	Jan. 2023	\$292.03
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	30800	Printing & Advertising	Print	Jan. 2023	\$23.25
1000	County General	9655	EM-HS	33500	Seminars & Training	JPMC/Amazon	Jan. 2023	\$93.87
XXXX	TOTAL:							\$98,376.73

- B. Council Member Grimble moved to approve all budget encumbrances as presented, seconded by Council Member Bohlander. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Council Member Booth moved to approve Resolution 2023-01 – Approving Sheriff’s Compensation Agreement, seconded by Council Member Loy. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. After some discussion about the uses for the Commissary fund, and the amount of cash generally available in it, Council Member Loy moved to approve Resolution 2023-2 – Approving Sheriff Commissary Fund Expenditures. This motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Council Attorney Taylor explained that the 2023 Attorney Engagement Letter did contain a 7.14% increase due to inflation. A motion to approve Resolution 2023-3 – Approving Attorney Engagement Letter was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Cating. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ REPORTS:

- A. Council Member Loy mentioned that he had learned a great deal from various departmental reports over the course of the last year and asked if Highway Director Jake Lough would share his Highway Budget and Activity report with the 2023 Council.
- B. Council Member Booth welcomed all of the new Council Members.
- C. Council Member Bohlander stated that he is looking forward to working with all Council Members.
- D. Council President Hunt thanked all of the Council Members for jumping in to join various committees and serve as liaisons.

X. CLAIMS:


- A. A claim was presented in the amount of \$1,680 for Attorney Taylor’s services through 12/26/2022. A motion to approve said claim was made by Council Member Bohlander, seconded by Council Member Booth. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

XII. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. Council President Hunt entertained input from the Council for setting the regular meeting dates, time and location. Council Member Cating moved that Council meetings continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center. That motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson, and carried 7-0.

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

  
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David Hunt, Council President

Jake Bohlander, Vice President

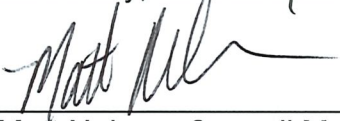
  
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Gary Booth, Council Member

  
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Joyce Grimble, Council Member



Steve Loy, Council Member



Matt Nelson, Council Member

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor

