

AGENDA
Montgomery County Council Meeting
Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 11, 2024 at 9:00 am
1580 Constitution Row - Room E109
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Call to Order: Council President David Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

May 14, 2024

Approval of Claim(s):

\$822.50 – Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C.; Invoice 22435

\$500.57 – Peters Franklin, LTD; Invoice 16143

Accept & Acknowledge Receipt:

Same Series Transfer Report – Auditor

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Money Matters

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
9111	2024 Women's Legacy Grant	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$3,000.00
1238	Opioid Unrestricted Portion	0610	Health Department	30050	Contractual Services	\$30,000.00
8003	2024 READI Grant	0068	Commissioners	30050	Contractual Services	\$2,033,333.00

9111.21919.0235: *New Probation Grant*

1238.30050.0610: *On November 28, 2022, the Montgomery County Commissioners authorized the Drug Free Montgomery County Leadership Team to proceed with developing a plan on behalf of the County for the use of funds from the Opioid Settlement.*

On July 24, 2023, the Montgomery County Commissioners approved the 2024 Opioid Settlement Plan as presented by the Drug Free Montgomery County Leadership Team. The plan included utilizing \$30,000 grant match for the Recovery Coalition's SRF Grant, \$30,000 for the newly created Drug Free Montgomery County Coordinator position, and \$146,963.17 for grant awards to local organizations that are actively working to address substance use issues in Montgomery County.

The Drug Free Montgomery County Leadership Team believes the 2024 process has been effective and recommends a continuation of the established plan regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds for 2025. The grant funds awarded for 2025 will include restricted funds (local Fund #1237) received (receipted in LOW) from July 1, 2023-June 1, 2024. The unrestricted funds (local Fund# 1238), which includes 2022 carry over (\$2,517.06) and funds received from July 1, 2023-June 1, 2024, will be utilized for grant match and \$31,000 for continued support of the Drug Free Montgomery County Coordinator position.

8003.30050.0068: *READI 180 Project – Joint READI Grant (City & County) for construction of PHP Extension*

New Business

CDPL Board of Trustees Appointment

After four full terms, totaling 16 years, Mr. Brian Keim is retiring from the Crawfordsville District Public Library Board of Trustees as of June 30, 2024. The library has benefited from his leadership, and we are grateful for his

long service to the community in this capacity. We will miss him. However, we are now in need of someone to serve in the next four-year board term that starts July 1, 2024.

You may have someone in mind for the appointment; however, we hope that you will consider Dr. Crystal Benedicks, former Chair of the English Department at Wabash College, currently Co-Chair of First-Year Experience and Coordinator of Writing Across the Curriculum. Dr. Benedicks previously served three years on the library board as an appointee of the County Commissioners, stepping in to complete the first term of her father-in-law, James Cherry. Dr. Benedicks has also recently served as the co-president of Montgomery County's Women's Legacy Fund.

After a year off, Dr. Benedicks is interested in returning to the library board and has indicated her willingness to serve. When first appointed, Dr. Benedicks noted: ...public libraries have been a shaping force in my life since I was very young. My family and I have spent hours at The Crawfordsville District Public Library. I regularly walk my Wabash freshman writing classes over for a tour. It would be an honor to help support your mission.

2025 Budget: schedule and guidance to Departments regarding compensation

The Auditor will review the schedule for the 2025 budget. Staff is seeking guidance from the Council on the amount to budget for compensation increases since the compensation study will not be completed prior to the July 1 deadline to submit budget requests.

Discussion regarding request to appropriate \$500,000 in the General Fund for the Redevelopment Commission

At the work session of the Council and Commissioners, there was a request from the Commissioners for an additional appropriation in the General Fund that would be used by the Redevelopment Commission. The revenue source would be some of the interest income above the amount budgeted as revenue for the 2025 budget.

Discussion regarding supplemental income tax distribution

The County has received a supplemental income tax distribution in the amount of \$755,384 for the General Fund and \$523,816 for the Public Safety LIT Fund. The revenue from this distribution was not budgeted as revenue for the 2024 budget. If the Council desires to utilize this distribution for a project(s), then an additional appropriation would be required. Potential projects could be jail repair which is estimated to cost over \$600,000 or the housing program in the amount of \$500,000.

Resolution of Need for the Courthouse Project

As part of the process to finance the renovations to the Courthouse, the Council will need to adopt a Resolution determining that there is a need for the project.

Letter of Support for Grant Application by the Soil and Water Conservation District

Last fall, our grant application to implement conservation practices in the Upper Sugar Creek Watershed did not make the cut for funding. At our May meeting, the SWCD board approved for me to reapply for these funds this year. Would it be possible for the Council to provide a letter of support for this endeavor? I have attached a letter from the district with details on the project that will help explain what this grant is about. We would like to have partner letters before August 1st. ~ Kristen Latzke, Conservation Director

Update on New Laws

County Attorney Dan Taylor will provide an update to the Council regarding new State laws that impact County government.

Old Business

Reports

Funded Organizations
Department Heads
Elected Officials
Councilors

Public Comment

Next regular meeting

July 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109

Adjournment

Next Resolution: 2024-2

Next Ordinance: 2024-1

Agenda subject to change

Montgomery County acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretive services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to County sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the County requests that individuals makes requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact ADA/Title VI Coordinator Lori Dossett @ 765-361-2623

