

MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

The Montgomery County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 8:00 am at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Board President John E. Frey and Commissioner Dan Guard.

Absent: Commissioner Jim Fulwider

Also present: County Attorney Dan Taylor; Auditor Mindy Byers; Sheriff Ryan Needham; Health Administrator Adrienne Northcutt; EMA Director Jessica Burgett; Treasurer Heather Laffoon; Veterans Affairs Officer Joe Ellis; Recorder Nancy Cox; Highway Director Jake Lough; Chief Probation Officer Andria Giegle; Assessor Sherri Bentley; Assistant County Attorney Tyler Nichols and Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

PLEDGE & PRAYER

Commissioner Frey led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Guard led the prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims: AP \$4,344,835.05

Payroll - \$472,709.32

Minutes: July 8, 2024

2024 Covered Bridge Certification -

The State requires each County to certify the true number of Covered Bridges. Montgomery County has 1 covered bridge.

2024 Annual Environmental Sampling - Montgomery County Landfill - \$24,321.87

Agreement states DES Civil & Environmental Engineering will perform the annual sampling from the Montgomery County Landfill. The costs are shared on a 50/50 basis with the City of Crawfordsville.

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Notice to Bidders - Bridge Scour Maintenance Project - Engineers Estimate \$700,000

Bridge Scour Maintenance Project-

Montgomery County Bridge No. 9, 14, 25, 95, 127, 134, 136, 174, 197.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Montgomery County Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Suite A, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933, until 4:00 p.m. on September 6, 2024. Bids received after the 4:00 p.m. deadline will not be considered but will be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the County Commissioner's Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on September 9, 2024. This bid is to replace rip around the pillars and abutments so the bridge doesn't erode. These bridges were identified in the mandatory bridge inspections.

The engineer estimate is \$700,000 and this is part of the 10 year bridge plan.

Commissioner Guard moved to approved the Notice to Bidders for the Bridge Scour Project. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.

Thrive West Central - EDA Partnership Planning Program - \$16,084 (Program Funding: 50% Federal/50% Match) -

Program & Service/Work Description: to develop, maintain, and help implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) required by 13 CFR s303.7. The CEDS has become the regional planning document for several federal agencies (i.e. EDA, EPA, HUD and U.S. DOT) and some state agencies consider in scoring both public and private sector request for project funding.

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.

Suspension of Rules

Commissioner Frey moved to Suspend the Rules and Add the Thrive West Central OCRA Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Documentation. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.

Thrive West Central – OCRA Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Documentation

Ryan Keller from Thrive West Central explained the agreement is for Thrive to submit a grant application for the County for an owner occupied rehabilitation program offered through OCRA with a \$5,000 application fee. The grant is geared toward assistance for the disabled and elderly and for low and moderate income families. The grant is a \$500,000 grant and if awarded the County would be responsible for a \$50,000 match. If the County receives the Grant, the

Agreement states that Thrive would be paid an administrative fee of \$45,000 which would be paid out of the grant funds. The deadline to submit the application is August 16th. Mr. Keller asked the Commissioners to approve the MOU with Thrive West Central, a commitment letter to approve the match, Resolution 2024-17 Declaration of Intent to Provide Matching Funds, the Montgomery County Four-Factor Analysis and the CDBG Signature Page. *Commissioner Frey moved to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.*

ORDINANCES

Final Reading Ordinance 2024-15: Ordinance Creating A Redevelopment Non-TIF Fund

The Montgomery County Council has appropriated \$500,000 in the County General Fund and authorized these funds to be transferred to the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission to be used to further economic development throughout the County.

Commissioner Guard moved to approved Ordinance 2024-15. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.

Introduction Ordinance 2024-16: 2024-2026 Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant Program - \$30,600

The Montgomery County Probation Department has been awarded a 2024-2026 Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant. The grant provides funding for Detention alternatives and different levels of electronic home monitoring. The grant runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Chief Probation Officer Andria Geigle requested the Commissioners to suspend the rules and add a second reading for Ordinance 2024-16.

Commissioner Guard moved to suspend the rules for a second reading on Ordinance 2024-16. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.

Second Reading Ordinance 2024-16: 2024-2026 Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant Program - \$30,600


Commissioner Guard moved to approve Ordinance 2024-16 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion carried 2-0 votes in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned @ 8:13 am.

Minutes prepared by Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.
The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 8:00 am @
Montgomery County Government Center-Room E-109.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS:**



John E. Frey, President

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor