

MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The Montgomery County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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; Commissioner Jim Fulwider; and Commissioner Dan Guard.

Also present: County Attorney Dan Taylor; County Administrator Tom Klein; Auditor Mindy Byers; Sheriff Ryan Needham; Building Administrator Marc Bonwell; Veterans Services Officer Joe Ellis; Health Administrator Adrienne Northcutt; Highway Director Jake Lough; EMA Director Jessica Burget; Assistant County Attorney Tyler Nichols and Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dosssett.

PLEDGE & PRAYER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims: AP \$1,253,958.60

Payroll - \$332,002.89

Minutes: August 26, 2024

Commissioner Guard moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Bridge Scour Bids

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

Attorney Taylor opened the following Bridge Scout Project Bids:

- Milestone: \$1,199,395

- Morfin Construction: \$2,348,440
- Conscote, Inc.: \$623,700

Commissioner Guard moved to take the bids under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

Open Courthouse Renovation Project Bids

Engineers Estimate: Interior cost - \$909,680; Exterior cost - \$4,145,816

Total: \$5,055,496

Attorney Taylor opened the following Courthouse Renovation Project Bids

- Spencer Construction: \$4,676,000
 - \$4,448,000 - Base Bid
 - \$ 92,000 Alternate 1
 - \$ 38,000 Alternate 2
 - \$ 98,000 Alternate 4

- Brandt Construction: \$5,524,000
 - \$5,311,000 – Base Bid
 - \$ 34,000 - Alternate 1
 - \$ 80,000 – Alternate 2
 - \$ 99,000 – Alternate 4

- Berglin Construction: \$4,966,297
 - \$4,873,291 – Base Bid
 - \$ 19,315 – Alternate 1
 - \$ 6,241 – Alternate 2
 - \$ 67,442 – Alternate 4

- J.R. Kelly, Inc.: \$4,586,000
 - \$4,398,000 – Base Bid
 - \$ 22,000 – Alternate 1
 - \$ 75,000 – Alternate 2
 - \$ 91,000 – Alternate 4

Commissioner Fulwider moved to take the bids under advisement for review. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 2024-19: An Ordinance Amending the Fair Housing Policy

Montgomery County has previously adopted a Fair Housing Policy. The County is in the process of applying for grants from the State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). OCRA has identified necessary amendments to the County's Fair Housing Policy to comply with grant eligibility requirements regarding equal access to housing in Housing and Urban Development programs.

REQUEST TO SUSPEND RULES AND ADD SECOND READING ORDINANCE

2024-19. *Commissioner Guard moved to suspend the rules to add 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-19. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

2nd READING ORDINANCE 2024-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FAIR HOUSING POLICY

Commissioner Guard moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-19. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2024-20: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

Montgomery County has previously adopted a Drug Free Workplace Policy and the County is in the process of applying for grants from the State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). OCRA has identified necessary amendments to the County's Drug Free Workplace Policy to comply with grant eligibility requirements. The amendments identify prohibited drugs and the process to report violations.

REQUEST TO SUSPEND RULES AND ADD SECOND READING ORDINANCE

2024-20. *Commissioner Fulwider moved to suspend the rules to add 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-20. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

2nd READING ORDINANCE 2024-20: An Ordinance Reaffirming the County Retirement Benefit Policy

Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve on second reading Ordinance 2024-20. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

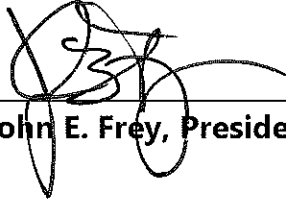
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 am.

Minutes prepared by Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024 @ 8:00 am @ Montgomery County Government Center-Room E-109.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



John E. Frey, President

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor