

MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

The Montgomery County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2025 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 Vice President Commissioner Jim Fulwider; Commissioner Dan Guard, Member and Commissioner Jake Bohlander

Also present: County Attorney Dan Taylor; County Administrator Tom Klein; Auditor Mindy Byers; Building Administrator Marc Bonwell; Highway Director Jake Lough; Central Communications Director Sherri Hill; Health Administrator Adrienne Northcutt; Recorder Nancy Cox; EMA Director Jessica Burget; Assistant County Attorney Tyler Nichols; and Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

PLEDGE & PRAYER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims: AP \$4,193,292.24
Payroll \$791,119.55

Minutes: January 8, 2025

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of Proposed Ordinance 2025-1 Adoption of Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Adding Article 21, Carbon Sequestration

Building Administrator Marc Bonwell The Plan Commission met regarding case ZA2024-2 on December 18, 2024 and continued the hearing from the previous month. The hearing was conducted and the result was a Favorable Recommendation to the Commissioners with edits to 21.05 and 21.14 from the previous version (Redline) are in Blue ink. The vote was 8-0.

21.05 The edits to 21.05 application requirements allow the petitioner to begin the rezone if the application has been filed with the State of Indiana. It also struck language from the previous version regarding duplication of EPA requirement and County requirements.

21.14 The edit to 21.14 Noise centered around limiting drilling to 7am-7pm. After discussion a sentence was added to uninterrupted drilling for 60 days per well during initial construction of the wells.

BOARD PRESIDENT DAN GUARD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING @ 8:03 AM

Susan Fakharzadeh representing Vault 44.01 stated that she appreciated the input that they had on the ordinance during the Plan Commission process. They have been working on this project for several years and have obtained 94% voluntary participation.

Preston Evans also representing Vault 44.01 stated since 2022 he has been involved in the project.

BOARD PRESIDENT DAN GUARD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING @ 8:05 AM

Ordinance 2025-1 Adoption Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Adding Article 21, Carbon Sequestration

Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve Ordinance 2025-1. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlander. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

DES Work Order Agreement – Landfill - \$27,521.34 Fee Split with City 50/50

DES will Re-survey the landfill to create an updated map showing recent work completed as well as volumes of soil piles brought onsite by the Highway Department and James Hose Legal Drain dredging. Provide a contoured design of areas where the Highway Department and Legal Drain soil piles will be used to fill in low areas. Ensure positive drainage off the fill areas. Prepare bid documents for the construction work, accept bids, review bids, and provide the City and County executive with a recommendation for award. Submit a CSGP to IDEM for the work being performed. *Commissioner Bohlander moved to approve the DES Work Order Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

Tom's Marine Request to Close Portions of County Roads for Upcoming Races at Ironman Raceway

Board President Dan Guard stated the request to close portions of County Road 200 South and County Road 200 West is for the two spring races, one summer

race and two races in the fall. *Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve the road closings. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlander.* Sheriff Needham asked that the Commissioners approve the road closings for all of the races except the Ironman Race at this time. The road closings would start at SR47 South. *Commissioner Fulwider moved to amend his motion and exclude the Ironman Race at the end of October. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlander. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

CVC (Visitor & Convention Commission) Board Appointment

The current vacancy is two-year term for a member of the County Council. *Commissioner Bohlander moved to appoint Councilman Mike Warren to the CVC Board. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

2025-01 Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund - Financial Commitment Letter -

Highway Director Jake Lough stated the highway department is seeking a matching grant for a cape seal project. The project is for the following roads: Ladoga road from 150 S to Ladoga town limits, (locally known as Cassidy road) 550 N from 231 to 275 E, 275 E from 550 N to 500 N, 500 N from 275 E to Darlington town limits, and 650 N from Old 55 to 100 W. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,274,337.50. If awarded and bids are that INDOT portion on the estimate is \$1,500,000 and County portion would be \$774,337.50. The County in the past has applied for one project each year with the exception of 2024. The second awarded project award did not have an appropriation which meant the match for the second project from last year had to be paid out of the 2025 appropriation match. There are sufficient funds in the Highway MVH Highway fund to request an additional appropriation to fund the County's match for the 2025 grant.

Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve the 2025-01 Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Financial Commitment Letter as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlander. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 2025-2 Re-Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund -

The Board of Commissioners has expressed a desire to re-establish and maintain a Cumulative Bridge Fund (Cum Bridge Fund). The tax rate for 2025 for the Cumulative Bridge Fund is \$0.055 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the maximum property rate for the Fund per Indiana Code is \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation. A Notice of Public Hearing will be published on January 29, 2025 and February 5, 2025 in the Journal Review and The Paper of Montgomery

County. The Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 8:00 am.

Introduction Ordinance 2025-3 Establishing FFY 2025 Indiana Department of Homeland Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Fund - \$16,300

Emergency Management & Homeland Security has received a sub-award grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for a project titled "Hazmat Tech Course & TTX". The grant period is from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

Introduction Ordinance 2025-4 Establishing the FFY 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant Fund - \$44,827.63

Emergency Management & Homeland Security has received a grant for purposes of EMPG Salary Reimbursement 2024. The period of performance is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2025-4 Declaration of Surplus Equipment - Revolver Rodney Jenkins

Sheriff Ryan Needham stated that Sergeant Rodney Jenkins is retiring from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department after 26 1/2 years of service. Sheriff Needham is requesting to award Sgt. Jenkins' service revolver to him upon his retirement on February 16, 2025. *Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve Resolution 2025-4 declaring Sgt. Jenkins' service revolver as surplus in order for Sheriff Needham to present it to him when he retires. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlander. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, meeting adjourned @ 8:15 am.

Minutes prepared by Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 8:00 am @ Montgomery County Government Center-Room E-109.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS:**



Dan Guard, President

Attest:



Mindy Byers, Auditor

Jennifer Andel, Chief Deputy Auditor