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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2022

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, May 2, 2022, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Warren Albright, Randy Wininger, Keith Gibson, Adam Greene, James Stiles and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel; Missy Cooper, Deputy Auditor; Monty Gregory; Carolyn McGuire, Assessor; Danielle Murphy, Director Community Corrections; DeAndra Magdaleno; Amanda Magdaleno; Andy Ringwald, EMA; Travis Roush, Sherriff; Andrew Beaver; Pat Jones; Mike Jones; Jeramy Osborn; Mike Engleman; Don Greene;

President Warren Albright called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:58 pm.

The minutes from the meeting held April 4, 2022 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All were in favor, motion passed.

Director of Community Corrections, Danielle Murphy submitted documentation in support of a salary increase which was approved by the Community Corrections Advisory Board on April 13, 2022. Councilwoman, Barb McFeaters, stated it is important for people to know this comes from grant funding and project income. Murphy also reiterated the salary is not paid from the General Fund, but paid from state grants they receive and user fees collected. Motion to approve the $13,552 salary increase was made by Councilwoman Bowling and seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Albright made note of Community Corrections recently being awarded another grant. Murphy gave an update of currently having 33 clients as of today and with one more to be added on Wednesday. Murphy stated the Jail Treatment Program is back up to full swing in the jail and she is currently in the interview process for a part time field officer due to the increase in client base.

Travis Roush, Sheriff, informed the Council of the Township meeting tonight at 6:00. Roush advised of a ladies shooting course scheduled for May 16 & 17. Roush stated once this course is completed there will have been approximately 140 ladies trained in defending their homes in Martin County.

Sheriff Roush asked for a motion to approve additional appropriation to the 2022 Salary and Wage Ordinance the was approved in the meeting from last October and November. Motion to approve additional appropriation to Local Statewide 911 Fund by Councilman Green and seconded by Councilman Wininger. All were in favor, motion passed. Motion to approve additional appropriation to the General Fund Jail by Councilwoman McFeaters and seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Bowling had an additional question regarding the difference in salary between the Assistant Communication Commander and the Communication Commander with Sheriff Roush providing an explanation.

Councilwoman Bowling asked Sheriff Roush how the recent open house went. Sheriff Roush responded it went well and followed up with discussion regarding the open house.

Councilman Stiles asked how much would be left in the 911 fund after the tower project has been completed. Sheriff Roush responded with an estimate.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, gave updates on the financial health of the county both historically and currently. Auditor Abel reported that a county’s general fund is considered healthy if they have approximately 182 days of operating capital. Abel stated currently Martin County has 172 days of operating capital.

Auditor Abel notified the council she will be stepping down as Auditor and advised her last day will be May 31, 2022. Abel wished the County success in moving forward. Abel stated she has always wanted what is best for Martin County and wanted to thank everyone who has reached out to her in the past few weeks wishing her luck. Abel stated the support she has received over the last 2 weeks has been awesome and means the world to her. Abel stated it has been an honor to serve Martin County.

Councilwoman Barb McFeaters, on behalf of the County Council presented Auditor Abel a bouquet of flowers. McFeaters thanked Auditor Abel for her service and knowledge she has provided to Martin County.

Important Dates:

Safety Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2022 @ 9:00am

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Wininger, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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Sheri Bowling J. Keith Gibson

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Adam Greene Barbara McFeaters

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James A. Stiles

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Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor