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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

July 11, 2022

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, July 11, 2022, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Warren Albright, Randy Wininger, Keith Gibson, and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling. Councilmen Adam Greene and James Stiles were absent. Also attending were Auditor Michelle Norris; Deputy Auditor Missy Cooper; Deputy Auditor Teresa Wininger; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Scott Seals, Highway Superintendent; Lori Carrico, Treasurer; Andy Ringwald, EMA; Cody Roush, Commissioner; Aaron Summers, Commissioner; Paul George, Commissioner; Travis Roush, Sheriff; Josh Greene, Chief Deputy; Jim Williams, Martin County Solid Waste Director; Kristie Skees, Human Resources Director; Amanda Magdaleno; Amelia Cooper; and Jeramey Osborn.

President Warren Albright called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

The minutes from the meeting held June 6, 2022 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All were in favor, motion passed.

Commissioners Roush, George, and Summers presented the Council with a Highway Department wage comparison and requested an hourly increase for all Highway Staff that could be funded from their own department with the approval of their submitted additional allocation request.

Commissioners Roush, George, and Summers requested the council consider wage raises for other departments, funding is still being researched. Teresa Wininger, Deputy Auditor, was asked to give a comparison of wages in relation to eight other counties. Comparison counties were chosen due to similarity by population or proximity. Martin County elected officials are about $9,000 per year below the average salary of other counties. Office staff are in the range of $6,000-$7,000 per year below the average. The Town of Shoals and The City of Loogootee are paying higher rates for similar positions. The County has lost 7 full time and two part time workers due to low wages. The Council will take this under consideration but the budget numbers have yet to come out.

Commissioner Roush and Jeramey Osborn updated the Council regarding our current provider, Knox County Ambulance Service. The ambulance service must have a Medical Director and they are currently operating on a 60-day extension of service for a Medical Director from Good Samaritan thru August 22, 2022. There was a discussion about the future of the ambulance service in Martin County. Jeramey Osborn has a lead on a used ambulance for sale at a cost of $43,900.00 in New York in case the current ambulance service is not able to obtain a new medical director. Councilwoman McFeaters made a motion to pay for the used ambulance with ARPA money, providing the Commissioners approve the purchase at the next Commissioners’ meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All in favor, motioned passed.

Andy Ringwald received a grant from Duke Energy in the amount of $2,000 for radios for Civil Defense. The check was made out to Martin County instead of Civil Defense. It was determined that Mr. Ringwald could proceed with the purchase.

Additional Appropriations were approved as follows:

Highway:

Superintendent Salary/MVH, in the amount of $1040; Administrative Asst/MVH in the amount of $520; Operators with CDL/MVH in the amount of $9,360; Operators without CDL/MVH in the amount of $1,040; Part Time/MVH in the amount of $200; Driver with CDL/MVH in the amount of $1,040; Mechanic/MVH in the amount of $1,040 with a motion made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All were in favor with the exception of Councilman Albright who abstained, motion passed.

Tires/ MVH, in the amount of $14,000; Professional Services/MVH, in the amount of $15,000; Road Signs/MVH Restricted, in the amount of $1,500; Culverts/MVH Restricted in the amount of $30,000; and Gas, Oil, Diesel/MVH in the amount of $25,000 with a motion made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion to approve the transfer of funds for the Auditor’s Office in the amount of $1,500 from postage to office supplies was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Wininger. All in favor, motion passed.

Sheriff Travis Roush stated there are currently 66 total inmates, 32 of those are from Vigo County. A check was received from Vigo County in the amount of $138,635.00 for housing of inmates January through May 2022.

Sheriff Roush stated they are making progress on the communications towers with no major problems. The full-time positions at the jail are fully staffed. There are some part-time positions open. This is Sheriff Roush’s last meeting. The Council thanked him for his service.

Jim Williams stated the Recycling Center has the opportunity to combine health insurance with the county. It will not cost the county any money but will help the Recycling Center’s employees to obtain and pay for insurance.

Important Dates:

Safety Meeting for August 10, 2022

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 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, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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Adam Greene Barbara McFeaters

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James A. Stiles

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Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor