Martin

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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 3, 2023

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Jordan Dant, Adam Greene, Warren Albright, Keith Gibson, Monty Gregory, Jim Hamby, and Andrew Beaver. Also attending was Auditor Michelle Norris.

President Jordan Dant called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

**RE: MINUTES**

The minutes from the regular meeting held March 6th, 2023 were approved with a motion made by Councilman Beaver, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: PURDUE EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Purdue Extension Director, Dena Held, came before the Council to give the Purdue Extension Annual Report. Director Held stated in 2022 there were thirty additional youth enrolled in 4-H, compared to 2021. There are also new leaders in the program and clubs are growing, particularly in the Horse and Pony club, in which enrollment has more than tripled. Director Held presented the local and state reports to the Council.

**RE: MARTIN COUNTY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Auditor Michelle Norris informed the Council the annual financial report had been completed by the due date of February 28, 2023. The report was emailed to the Council and Commissioners and is also available on the County’s website: <https://www.in.gov/counties/martin/>

**RE: DONATIONS TO THE COURT**

Auditor Norris presented to the Council a listing of items donated by former Martin County Judge, Lynne Ellis. The listing consisted of bookcases, tables, shelves, a treadmill, chairs, desks, and other various items for a total of twenty-three with a total valuation of $12,690. The Council thanked Judge Lynne Ellis for her donations to the Court.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Community Corrections/Probation

Local Coordinating Council

Drug Free Community- Fund 1148

Coordinator $2,000

Grant Expenditures $17,000

A motion was made by Councilman Greene to approve the appropriation in fund 1148 for $19,000, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

Motor Vehicle Highway

Unrestricted Fund- 1176

DNR Timber Sales Distribution $5,000

A motion was made by Councilman Beaver to approve the appropriation in fund 1176 for $5,000, seconded by Councilman Greene with Councilman Hamby abstaining. All in favor, motion passed.

Sheriff

Jail- 1000.380

Hire Bonus $5,500

A motion was made by Councilman Albright to approve the appropriation in fund 1000 for $5,500, seconded by Councilman Hamby with Councilman Greene abstaining. All in favor, motion passed.

Sheriff

Stop Arm Violation Enforcement

Fund- 9118

Deputy Salaries $3,500

A motion was made by Councilman Hamby to approve the appropriation in fund 9118 for $3,500, seconded by Councilman Gregory with Councilman Greene abstaining. All in favor, motion passed.

General Fund- 1000

Commissioners

Website Maintenance $200

A motion was made by Councilman Albright to approve the appropriation in fund 1000 for $200, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

EDIT- Fund 1112

Ambulance Director $18,461

EMT-B1 $9,600

EMT-B2 $12,600

EMT-B3 $12,600

EMT-B4 $7,600

Part-time EMT-B $4,000

EMT-P1 $11,440

EMT-P2 $15,440

EMT-P3 $10,440

EMT-P4 $76,440

Part-Time EMT-P $5,539

Driver $6,000

Stand-By $73,059

Overtime $84,000

**TOTAL FOR FUND 1112 $347,219**

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hamby to approve the appropriation in fund 1112 for $347,219, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

Ambulance Service Fund- 4002

PERF $100,000

FICA $56,000

Insurance Opt Out $8,000

Health Insurance $100,000

Holiday Pay $20,000

Uniforms $5,000

Fuel $35,000

Office Supplies $4,400

Vehicle Maintenance $10,000

In Service and Recruiting $1,500

Medical Supplies $30,000

Tires $6,000

Dues and Subscriptions $1,000

Travel Expenses $5,500

Telephone $6,000

Radio, Lights, Sirens $1,500

Training $1,500

Liability and Work Comp $30,000

Hospital and Director Sponsor $18,000

EMS Billing $32,000

Heart Monitor Lease $16,163

Intercept Fees $5,000

New Equipment $2,000

**TOTAL FOR FUND 4002 $494,563**

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Beaver to approve the appropriation in fund 4002 for $494,563, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: SHERIFF UPDATES**

Sheriff Josh Greene stated the jail is currently full. There are 35 inmates from Vigo County and there have been five locals brought in today. There were two F250s delivered to the Jail today. There is no delivery date for the F150s.

**RE: AMBULANCE UPDATES**

Ambulance Services Director, Jeramey Osborn, presented to the Council the Ambulance Service monthly report for March. Councilman Hamby asked how many full-time employees were employed by the department. Director Osborn stated there are seven full-time, two additional are needed for full staff. There are seven part-time employees, which do not receive benefits. There were 298 runs in 2023 with 95 runs of those in March. There were 52 transports with an 86% transport rate if standbys and disregards are removed.

Director Osborn stated he has tracked overhead expenses for the department for the last three months, not including salaries. January’s overhead is about $8,700, February was $6,600, and March was $4,400. These expenses would include fuel, office supplies, oil changes, and preventative maintenance. The department is still incurring some setup expenses.

Director Osborn provided a breakdown of current salaries. The payroll has been about $55,000 per month, which includes the benefits. The forecasted salary amount is with the current staff, not the desired full staff, but Director Osborn believes there is enough room in the budget that the additional salaries will be covered.

Director Osborn stated the original estimate of the budget was projected at $1.2 million but after analyzing the last six months of the service he projects the budget to be around $780,000. He has budgeted $10,000 per month for overhead, with the last three months being under $10,000, for a total of $65,000 per month in operating expenses. For twelve months the total is $780,000 instead of the $1.2 million.

Councilman Gregory asked what how much is reimbursed for a basic run. Director Osborn stated a basic run is billed at about $1,200, the pickup and load fee is $800 and roughly $400 for mileage. That will not be the reimbursement amount. Medicare might reimburse at about half of that amount. There are other insurances that pay well and others that want to offer a few hundred dollars. The reimbursement for the service to date is $45,578.55 in the last month. The current medical director is working to sign on the sponsoring hospital. Once the sponsoring hospital is signed, the service can start to provide interfacility transfers which will generate more money for the service. This has not been launched yet because Director Osborn does not want the reputation of only providing basic transfers.

Taxpayer Mary Smith asked since we now have a medical director, if paramedic service was available or if the service was still only basic service. Director Osborn stated the service needs a sponsoring hospital in place before paramedic service can be performed. There are paramedics on the trucks but they are not allowed to work as paramedics. The paramedics are being currently paid at paramedic rate even though paramedic service can not be performed.

The Courthouse will be closed on Friday April 7, 2023 in honor of Good Friday.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Greene, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

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Andrew Beaver Jim Hamby

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Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor