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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2022

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, April 4, 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; Angie Risacher, Martin County Alliance Director; Monty Gregory; Carolyn McGuire, Assessor; Kim Showalter; DeAndra Magdaleno; Amanda Magdaleno; Andy Ringwald, EMA; Teresa Wininger, Deputy Auditor; Travis Roush, Sherriff; Miranda Beaver, Matron; Andrew Beaver; Rhonda Sanders, Recorder; Pat Jones; Mike Jones.

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

The minutes from the meeting held March 7, 2022 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All were in favor, motion passed.

Patricia Hale was appointed to the Loogootee Library Board by the Council with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor and Teresa Wininger, Deputy Auditor informed the Council that the search for and Human Resource Generalist for the County has been unsuccessful. The position had been advertised on several platforms. Auditor Abel requested that the already budgeted HR position be converted to a Deputy Auditor position to allow the person to be trained in the Human Resources and back up payroll. Deputy Auditor Wininger explained the increase in work load and the need for assistance. A discussion followed. Councilwoman McFeaters stated that the full-time position would cost less than a part time HR Generalist and decrease the current amount of comp time being generated. Councilman Greene stated he would have liked this to be on the original agenda. Auditor Abel stated that the agendas can be changed up to the beginning of the meeting. President Albright stated that Auditor Abel spoke to him earlier in the day about adding it to the agenda. Albright stated that it wasn’t a new issue that it had been spoken about previously. Rhonda Sanders asked who an employee would contact if after speaking with HR they still wanted resolution, Abel stated that it would be the Commissioners. A motion to approve hiring a full-time employee in place of the previously budgeted HR Generalist was made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. Five Councilmembers were in favor, Councilman Greene and Councilman Wininger abstained. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations Resolution 2022-9 was approved as follows:

Local Statewide 911 Fund, Sheriff Department for Professional Services in the amount of $246,729.00 with a motion made by Councilwoman Sheri Bowling, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All in favor, motion passed. The additional is for the tower project previously approved.

General Fund, Sheriff, for hire bonus in the amount of $7,500.00 with a motion made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All in favor, motion passed.

Donation Fund, Sheriff, for Chief Deputy Wages, $5,471.00; Major Wages, $5,470.00; Sergeant Wages, $5,490.00; Corporal Wages, $5,490.00; Captain Wages, $5,491.00; Patrol Deputy 1 wages, $5,491.00; Patrol Deputy 2 Wages $5,491.00; Patrol Deputy 3 Wages, $5,491.00; Patrol Deputy 4 Wages, $5,490.00 and Matron Wages, $5,491.00 with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All in favor, motion passed.

Sheriff Roush, informed that they currently have twenty-five Vigo County Inmates.

County User Fund, Prosecutor, Prosecutor Expenditures in the amount of $5,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All in favor, motion passed. The additional expenditure wasn’t advertised during budget hearings.

Angie Risacher, Martin County Alliance Director, submitted her letter of resignation to the Council. She stated that she will stay onboard to help the person chosen as a replacement. The Council expressed gratitude for the job she did for the County.

Auditor Abel presented Resolution 2022-8 Amended Salary and Wage Ordinance for approval. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Bowlling, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. With five in favor, Councilman Greene and Councilman Wininger opposed, motion carried.

Auditor Abel presented Ordinance 2022-11 Resolution to Declare Funds 8101 for $1,737.87, Fund 9113 in the amount of $1,428.00 and Fund 9120 in the amount of $1,620.54. A motion was made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All in favor, motion passed. It was stated that Financial Solutions Group recommended that the funds be declared dormant and transferred to the General Fund. There was originally just under $20,000.00 in dormant funding but Emergency Management just re-established the Board of Directors and will now be using the fund. The Pandemic Assistance fund was removed the list to be used after contacting the Health Department, they will expend the remaining balance.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, advised the Council that the 2019 and 2020 Audit by State Board of Accounts in complete. The Audit resulted in an unmodified and clean opinion.

Important Dates:

Safety Meeting for April 13, 2022@ 9:00 am.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilwoman Bowling, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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James A. Stiles

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 Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor