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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 6, 2022

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, June 6, 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 Deputy Auditor Teresa Wininger; Monty Gregory; Danielle Murphy, Director Community Corrections; DeAndra Magdaleno; Amanda Magdaleno; Travis Roush, Sherriff; Andrew Beaver; Jeff Quyle, Radius Indiana; Jim Hamby: Dena Held, CED/Education Extension; Kim Showalter; Floyd “Lonnie” Hawkins, SSI; Grant Sherfick, SSI; Cody Roush, Commissioner; Josh Greene, Chief Deputy; Jason Mccoy.

President Warren Albright called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:04 pm.

The minutes from the meeting held May 2, 2022 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Greene. All were in favor, motion passed.

Floyd “Lonnie” Hawkins and Grant Sherfick with Safety & Security International (SSI) informed that they currently have two facilities, one is a rented suite at Westgate Academy Tech Park and about 20,000 square feet of warehouse rental space at the old Bowling Manfacturing facility. The owner of SSI is looking for a more permanent structure. SSI is based in Greenfield,NC and their focus is on serving DOD and other federal agencies. Crane is one of their largest customers. SSI locally has grown from one to six employees within the last two years and looks to grow to 20 or 25 employees within the next three to five years. All six of their current employees are from Martin County and five of those employees live in Martin County. Since they did so well servicing Crane, they are going to service all customers companywide from Martin County. They are looking at two parcels in the Martin County section of the Westgate Tech Park that will comprise of three acres. On one parcel they plan to construct a 21,000 square foot building that would consist of mostly warehouse space with some offices. The other parcel would be for potential future expansion. They have not closed on these properties but are in negotiations. Estimated salary range for their employees would be $60,000 to $65,000 annually. Jeff Quyle with Radius Indiana presented a packet of tax abatement information to the Council along with a hypothetical tax abatement on a hypothetical property showing saving to the company, tax payments, payroll for new positions and new supplier and consumer positions, local option income tax generated and annual sales at local merchants.

Dena Held submitted the Purdue Extension Impact Report for 2021. The 4-H and open class brochures are ready, she will leave some in the lobby of the Courthouse. There will be a Meet and Greet at 7:30 PM on June 28th at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds with Casey D. Mull, Ph.D, Assistant Director of Extension 4-H Youth Development Program Leader. Dr. Casey provides leadership to the Indiana 4-H program, which serves youth in each of Indiana’s 92 counties. He has a packed schedule for Martin County including a visit to Crane and attending the Commisioners Meeting. Dena’s goal for attendance is 160 for the Meet and Greet. This is a state program, if 4-H members attend it is a program that can be listed and is helpful when applying for scholarships.

Jason McCoy stated he was attending the meeting to ask each individual Council Member how they felt about the Mid-State Corridor Project. None of the Council Members were in favor of the Project. Mr. McCoy discussed lack of traffic issues in the Jasper area and the effect of Senate Bill 128. Mr. McCoy encouraged all to stay involved and stated there is still about a week left for Martin County’s voice to be heard.

Sheriff Roush submitted two requests for additional appropriations which are not a request for additional money but to transfer funds. Councilwoman McFeaters made a motion to approve funds to pay for ammunition, second by Councilman Wininger. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the transfer for Jail Booking Fees to pay for new uniforms and mattress, second by Councilman Wininger. All in favor, motion passed. Sheriff Roush reported 60 total inmates with 27 form Vigo County.

Danielle Murphy, Community Corrections, requested a transfer of funds approval from Travel & Training and Contract Services to Incentives. She has already received an approval from the Department of Corrections and the Advisory Board. Motion to approve the transfer from Travel & Training was made by Councilwoman Stiles, second by Council Gibson. All in favor, motion passed. Motion to approve the transfer from Contract Services was made by Councilwoman McFeaters, second by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Roush informed the Council that interviews for the Human Resources position had been held. The budget for this position in 2022 was set at $30,000. They would like to make a offer of employment that would exceed this amount by $5,100. There would be sufficient budget to pay the salary in 2022 with approximately $15,000 left over as this position has been open since January. A lengthy discussion followed, addressing the salary cost for varying experience in HR, this proposed salary in relationship to other current salaries, duties and projects for the position and input from citizens attending the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Stiles to set the wage at $18.00/hour for the Human Resources position, second by Councilman Greene. All in favor except Councilman Wininger who was opposed, motion passed.

Joe Lannan gave an update to the Council concerning current efforts and the Mid-State Corridor Project.

A Resolution Regarding Congressional School Funds was presented. The resolution provides that the County Council may surrender the custody of the Martin County Congressional School Fund balance of $12,957.40 to the Treasurer of the State of Indiana. Motion for transfer made by Councilman Stiles, second by Councilwomen Bowling. All in favor, motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Stiles, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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James A. Stiles

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Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor