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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 8, 2022

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, August 8, 2022, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Warren Albright, Randy Wininger, Keith Gibson, James Stiles, Adam Greene, and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling. Also attending was Auditor Michelle Norris.

President Warren Albright called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:02 pm.

The minutes from the meeting held July 11, 2022, were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling with Councilmen Greene and Stiles abstaining. All in favor, motion passed.

Mike Arvin, President of the Board of Martin County Alliance, presented Jessica Potts, the new Executive Director of Martin County Alliance, to the Council. The Council welcomed Executive Director Potts and are excited to have her in the role. Office Manager, Erin Stoll, is also in place to assist Executive Director Potts.

Auditor Norris presented two abatement compliance statements for the Council to review. The first was received from Wagbaugh Properties for a real property abatement renewal. A motion was made by Councilman Stiles to approve the abatement renewal for Wagbaugh Properties, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed. The second was received from USG for a personal property abatement renewal. A motion was made by Councilwoman McFeaters to approve the abatement renewal for USG, seconded by Councilman Wininger. All in favor, motion passed.

**Additional Appropriations were approved as follows:**

Martin County Community Corrections:

Equipment Lease/Project Income, in the amount of $20,000; Office Equipment/Project Income, in the amount of $4,870 with a motion made by Councilwoman McFeaters to approve, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

EDIT County Share to Commissioners’:

Town of Shoals Park Renovation/EDIT, decreased in the amount of $25,000 and moved to Cybersecurity Contract/General Fund Commissioners, with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling to approve, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

Emergency Management:

Duke Energy Radio Grant/Emergency Management Radio Grant, in the amount of $2,000 with a motion made by Councilwoman McFeaters to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All in favor, motion passed.

The Sherriff’s department received a grant in the amount of $2,500 from the Criminal Justice Institute, The Stop Arm Grant. This grant is a reimbursable grant which pays for deputies to patrol from March 22 to May 16 and then from August 1 through September 15, 2022 allowing four hours in the morning and four hours in the afternoon. It enables officers to patrol for violators of the bus stop arm. Bus drivers can request patrol on problem routes and the grant covers the whole county. A motion was made by Councilwoman McFeaters to approve the salary ordinance for the deputies performing stop arm patrol, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

Sheriff Greene presented an update to the Council. There are currently 63 inmates with 26 inmates from Vigo County. Sheriff Greene reported moisture got into the computer of the generator and they are working to dry it out. It is unknown if parts will be available, if needed. Long’s Diesel Repair has also been working on the generator mechanics.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Stiles, all were in favor and the motion passed. Department budget meetings will be held with the Council and the County’s financial advisor, Financial Solutions Group, on August 23. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm, which is the public hearing for the budgets.

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Adam Greene Barbara McFeaters

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James A. Stiles

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Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor