Martin

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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

January 5, 2015

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in special session Monday, January 5, 2015, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen present were C. Richard Summers, Randy Wininger, Floyd L. Hawkins, James A. Stiles and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and M. Lynn Gee. Councilman Warren D. Allbright was absent. Also attending were Judge Lynne E. Ellis, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator; Surveyor Nathan Hoffman, Sheriff Travis Roush, Chief Deputy Joshua Greene, Clint Hoffman, Brandon Smith, Chestnut Law Office; Isha Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law; Casey Lindeman, Lindeman Law; Josh Hughett, Martin County Humane Society; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal and Jill Albright, Loogootee Tribune.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wininger and seconded by Councilman Hawkins to retain C. Richard Summers as President. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gee and seconded by Councilman Hawkins to retain Randy Wininger as Vice-President. All were in favor and the motion passed.

President Summers welcomed James Stiles to the Council.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, Martin County Humane Society, submitted the quarterly and annual report. In 2014, 160 animals were adopted. There were 56 different individuals who volunteered their time at the shelter. Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins thanked the Humane Society for allowing the road crew to work in the shelter during inclement weather. The Hughett’s thanked her in return, the road crew is a big help at the shelter.

Judge Ellis introduced Isha Wright, Attorney at Law; Brandon Smith, Chestnut Law Office and Casey Lindeman, Lindeman Law to the Council as contracted Public Defenders. Aureola S. Wright, Wright Law, LLC was unable to attend. The Commissioners approved the Public Defender contracts at their last meeting. Each agreement is for $42,000 per year and covers all misdemeanors and felons except murders, attempted murders and appeals. The County has received $55,000 in Public Defender reimbursement and $17,000 into the Supplement Public Defender Fund. Only $80,000 is budgeted for public defender, therefore and additional appropriation will have to be done later in the year.

Auditor Roush submitted an amended Salary & Wage Ordinance. Changes were made due to new hires, changes in the Sheriff’s Department rank status and salary errors. Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve the amended 2015 Salary & Wage Ordinance, 2015-01. Councilman Wininger made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Advisory Board, submitted to the Council the Advisory Board By-Laws and an attendance record for the last 2 years.

The Council made the following appointments for 2015:

Community Corrections Advisory Board-Barbara McFeaters. The motion was made by Councilman Wininger and seconded by Councilwoman Gee. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Alcoholic Beverage Board-Kyle Wininger. The motion was made by Councilwoman Gee and seconded by President Summers. Councilman Hawkins and Councilman Stiles abstained. The motion passed 4-2.

Samaritan Advisory Council-Lynn Gee. The motion was made by Councilman Wininger and seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Southern Indianan Development Commission-Randy Wininger. The motion was made by Councilwoman Gee and seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Solid Waste Management District-C. Richard Summers. The motion was made by Councilman Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Stiles. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Economic Development Commission-Warren Albright. The motion was made by Councilman Hawkins and seconded by Councilman Wininger. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Martin County Park Board-Mitch Green. The motion was made by Councilwoman Gee and seconded by Councilman Stiles. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Martin County Redevelopment Commission-Floyd L. Hawkin. The motion was made by Councilman Wininger and seconded by Councilwoman Gee. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Redevelopment Commission-James A. Stiles. The motion was made by Councilwoman Gee and seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Martin County Alliance-Barbara McFeaters. The motion was made by Councilman Hawkins and seconded by Councilwoman Gee. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush submitted the 2015 Certified Budget Order. The budgets were approved as submitted. The Budget Order was certified on Wednesday, December 31. Martin County was the 5th out of 92 counties to receive a Budget Order.

Courtney Hughett questioned when the Park Board meetings were. The Council advised her to contact West Boggs.

Sheriff Travis Roush came before the Council to discuss the fundraiser for the K-9 Unit for the County. The K-9 would be used as a drug and search dog. The fund will be administered by the Auditor’s Office and donations are now being accepted. Sheriff Roush invited the Council to tour the Security Center. He thanked the Auditor’s Office for their help in setting up the K-9 Donation Fund.

Auditor Roush submitted a worksheet comparing the 2015 distributions of County Option Income Tax, County Economic Development Income Tax, and Local Option Income tax distributions to the 2014 distribution.

Auditor Roush advised the Council the December Settlement distribution was pre-approved. All the County Units received their distribution checks before the end of the year. The Council received a breakdown of distribution amounts for each unit.

Auditor Roush submitted a tourism update by Jim Stoughton.

The minutes from the special meeting held December 1, 2014 were approved as submitted with the motion made by Councilman Wininger and seconded by Councilwoman Gee. Councilman Stiles abstained due to his Council term not beginning until January 1, 2015. The motion passed 5-1.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm with a motion made by Councilman Hawkins and seconded by Councilwoman Gee. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6pm.

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Warren D. Albright Barbara McFeaters

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James A. Stiles

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 January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor