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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2020

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, February 10, 2020, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen present were C. Richard Summers, Randy L. Wininger, James A. Stiles, J. Keith Gibson, Warren Albright and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel, Terri Alcorn, Martin County Highway; Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections; Adam Green; Sheriff Travis Roush; Alan J Bowling; Greg Hamilton; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal; Danielle Murphy, Matron MSCO; Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance; Jameson Hibbs, Director West Boggs Park; Adam Greene .

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

The minutes from the meeting held January 7, 2020 were approved with a motion made by Councilman Randy Wininger, seconded by Councilman Warren Albright. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Greg Hamilton, addressed the Council regarding Martin County 2A initiative. Hamilton informed the Council that he is representing citizens of Martin County who are concerned about their Second Amendment rights. They are requesting the County pass an ordinance which would make Martin County a sanctuary county. Mr. Hamilton extended an invitation asking the Council members to attend a meeting for this cause on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 7:00 pm at the Martin County Community Building.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance, provided a list of County wide websites which include Tourism, Martin County Organizations and Local Government. The websites provide a digital front door for Martin County. Tim Kinder, reminded the Council about the Mid-States Corridor meeting which will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Loogootee High School. A Cyber Security Course will be offered at Crane in the near future. The Course will be open to anyone who has graduated High School and wants to have Certification in Cyber Security. Mr. Kinder submitted the Quality of Place and Workforce Plan to the Council. He explained the plan has been approved and a meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 6:00pm at the Community Building about its implementation and how the Community can be involved.

Jameson Hibbs, Director West Boggs, submitted the 2019 year-end report for Daviess Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department. The detailed plan gave an update of the renovations and efforts made to redevelop West Boggs. One of the goals set in motion is defining and accommodating various user groups which provide an outdoor leisure experience to a diverse crowd. The Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction plan was discussed in regards to how it can help procure grant monies as they become available. Councilman Stiles asked Mr. Hibbs about innkeepers tax. Hibbs explained that it is tax placed on tourists who stay overnight in Martin County. Currently there are three locations who can charge an innkeepers tax. West Boggs, Eldorado Hotel and Elk Ranch. Currently Martin County is one of eleven counties in Indiana who do not charge innkeepers tax. Councilman Stiles stated that he felt Martin County is missing out on an opportunity by not implementing an innkeepers tax. The innkeepers revenue is to be used for Tourism in Martin County. The Council thanked Jameson Hibbs for all of the information provided.

Additional Appropriations were approved as follows:

Community Crossings Grant- Highway Department -Paving Project -$444,433.90

A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Sheriff- Sheriff-Police Pension -$12,500.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Community Foundation Grant-Community Corrections-Equipment -$1500.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All were in favor. Motion passed.

IPEP Safety Grant-Community Corrections-Equipment -$7936.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Indiana State Opioid Response Grant-Circuit Court

Contract Services- $52,000.00-Training/Certification-$5,000.00-Community Outreach -$3,000.00

A motion to approve all was made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilman Albright. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, informed the Council that Phase 1 of the phone/cyber security project will be complete by the end of the week. During a visit to the State House, the Leadership Martin County class had an opportunity to speak with Senator Bassler and Representative Lindauer. They explained the importance of the participation of Local Officials and Martin County residents in both the Mid-State Corridor and the Quality of Place and Workforce plan meetings.

Important Dates:

 Safety Meeting to be held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 9:00 am.

 Courthouse will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020 for Presidents Day

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm 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, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm.