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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2020

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, April 6, 2020, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen present were C. Richard Summers, Randy L. Wininger, attending via Zoom: James A. Stiles, Warren Albright and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel; Attorney Dave Lett, Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal; Dena Held, 4-H Educator; Kathy Collins, Directory Community Corrections; Lori Carrico, Treasurer; Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Town Clerk.

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

The minutes from the meeting held March 2, 2020 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Albright. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2020-06 was approved as follows with a motion to approve both appropriations requests was made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilman Albright. All in favor, motion passed.

Appropriations:

MVH - Highway Department – Bituminous $135,000.000

Community Crossings Grant – Highway Department – Grant $225,000.00

Councilman Summers, updated with the Sheriff’s report. There are currently 75 inmates with 19 from Vigo County. They are not accepting any new Vigo County inmates at this time. Councilwoman McFeaters was in support of Sheriff Roush not accepting any new inmates because of the increases of Covid-19 in Vigo County.

Councilwoman McFeaters, informed the Council that Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance, has been working on a project expansion to be called Westgate Eight for over a year. It will be a multimillion dollar project with 2.75 million in real property tax base and new job opportunities. Tim Kinder will attend the next meeting to give update and inform of a request for a tax abatement. The interested parties will attend the following meeting for introductions.

Councilwoman McFeaters, stated that she and Auditor Abel have been working on Crane Timber monies for 2019. She informed the Council that the County just received $79,610.12 for 2018. Nothing has been received for 2019.

Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal, asked about the revocation of the Indian Creek tax abatement.

Attorney Lett, prepared Resolution 2020-05 for the Termination of the Tax Abatement Resolution 2012-16 which was previously granted for Indian Creek Quarries, LLC. for failure to file required yearly documentation. Original abatement was granted October 1, 2012. Resolution2020-05 will take effect 2020 payable in 2021. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 was made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All in favor motion passed.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, submitted an amended Salary and Wage Ordinance 2020-04 for approval. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

Dena Held, Purdue Educator 4-H, informed the Council about an opportunity to apply for and OCRA Grant in direct relation to Covid-19. It could bring up to $250,000.00 to Martin County. It is an immediate grant with no matching or in kind funding needed. Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections, further explained some of the uses of this grant money if received. Collins stated that if awarded the Grant could relieve some of the expenses arising from the Covid-19 Pandemic. The application does need the backing of the Local Unit of Government. She also explained that this is a County wide collaboration. Dena Held stated that some of the needed items can be used for recovery from current issues and future emergencies. The Council approved proceeding with the Letter of Need application and implementation of the grant. The application of need must be submitted next week.

Councilwoman Bowling, stated she has multiple concerns about the local bank closing and the implementation of new process for banking needs of the County. Lori Carrico, Treasure, confirmed the need. A brief discussion followed about the possibility of the Sheriff’s Department helping develop a plan.

Important Dates:

Safety Meeting to be held Wednesday has been postponed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm with a motion made by Councilman Wininger and seconded by Councilwoman Bowling, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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Sheri Bowling J. Keith Gibson

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James A. Stiles

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Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor