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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 1, 2020

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, June 1, 2020, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending via Zoom: were C. Richard Summers, Randy L. Wininger, James A. Stiles, Warren Albright and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling. Councilman Keith Gibson was unable to attend. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal; Dena Held, 4-H Educator; Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections; Lori Carrico, Treasurer; Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Town Clerk; Rhonda Rumble, SIDC; Kristi Ausbrooks; Carol Richer; Walt Henrickson; Travis Roush, Sheriff; Jim Woody; Tim Kinder, Director, The Alliance; Julia Albright, Martin County Health Nurse; Dale Ankrom.

President Summers called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:10 pm.

The minutes from the meeting held May 4, 2020 were approved with a motion made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilman James Stiles, asked for a moment of silence and prayer for our Country.

Councilman Rich Summers, asked for a moment of prayer in remembrance of Marvin Montgomery. Clerk Gerald Montomery’s uncle.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance and Dale Ankrom, announced that project Westgate 8 is under way. They submitted documentation to inform the Council about the economic impact it will have starting in 2020 through 2029. The project will create forty direct new jobs with a total of sixty three which includes the indirect jobs. The total value of economic impact potential could be $82,249,877.00. Westgate 8 will be seeking approval in the future for a standard tax abatement.

Kathy Collins and Sierra Rutledge, Leadership Martin County, presented an information packet regarding revenue and expenditures for the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, as was questioned at the last Council Meeting. Additional documentation was submitted which included timber sale revenue and wheel tax revenues from like sized counties who currently have the wheel tax in place. A statement was made about the cost a wheel tax would be to farmers. Cindy Barber, Purdue, stated she was a farmer’s wife and that Daviess County has a wheel tax and that Daviess County has a discount for farmers. Councilman Albright stated that he believed Churches and School buses were exempt. Kathy Collins stated that they wanted to give the Council time to digest the information. Councilwoman McFeaters asked that the actual dollar amounts be included in the graph of Timber Sale revenue.

Dena Held, Educator Purdue 4-H, board member Martin County Community Building, advised that Mitch Green was unable to attend tonights meeting. She advised the Council that the revenues continue to go down due to cancellations from Covid-19. They currently have a shortfall of $10,890.00 and estimate and additional loss of at least $3000.00. The Community Building board is asking for support from the County in the amount of $4,300.00 which is the cost of one quarter premium for insurance. A discussion followed. A motion to approve a payment of $4,300.00 was made by Councilman Albright, seconded by President Summers. Councilwoman McFeaters, Councilmen Albright and Summers were for and Councilwoman Bowling, Councilmen Stiles and Wininger were opposed. With a tie vote the motion stalled. Councilman Wininger recommended a payment of $2500.00 instead to help out. Councilman Wininger made a motion to approve a payment of $2500.00, Councilman Albright seconded the motion. Councilwoman McFeaters, Councilmen Summers, Albright and Wininger were for and Councilwoman Bowling and Councilman Stiles were against. The motion carried with a four to two vote.

Auditor Abel, informed the Council that a correction needed to be made regarding the dollar amounts of the Additional Appropriation from the previous council meeting. The correct amounts advertised were as follows: $3,000.00 for Covid-19 Supplies and $7,000.00 for Covid-19 Equipment, totaling $10,000.00 not the previously stated $13,000.00 in total.

Auditor Abel, submitted a request for transfer within the same funds. When the request was made it was expected that equipment expenditures would surpass the supplies expenditures and the opposite has transpired due to the amount of sanitation supplies which were needed. A motion to approve the transfer of $2,500.00 from Covid-19 equipment to Covid-19 supplies was made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Wininger. All in favor the motion passed.

Auditor Abel, submitted Resolution 2020-10, the Martin County Council to Preserve the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. This resolution is in support of the Commissioners Resolution 2020-02. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 was made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All were in favor, the motion passed.

President Rich Summers, presented a check which was submitted by Sheriff Travis Roush. The check in the amount of $85,085.00 for the housing of Vigo County inmates.

Councilman Stiles, encouraged everyone to vote during the primary election.

Important Dates:

 Safety Meeting to be held Wednesday has been postponed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm with a motion made by Councilman Albright and seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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 Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor