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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

March 1, 2021

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, March 1, 2021, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Warren Albright, Randy Wininger, James Stiles, Keith Gibson, Adam Greene and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters. Councilwoman Sheri Bowling attended virtually. Also attending were Deputy Auditors Teresa Wininger and Sydney Blankenbaker; Rhonda Hardwick, Community Corrections; Dave Sutton; April Sutton; Linda Bauer; Cletus Bauer; Kim Showalter; Gerald Montgomery, Clerk; Barb Hager; Rachel Sutton; Kathy Collins and James B. Hawkins. Attending virtually were; Commissioner Aaron Summers; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal; Dena Held, Director 4-H Purdue; Angie Risacher, Executive Director for Martin County Alliance; Andy Ringwald, EMA; Judge Lynn Ellis; Recorder Lori Carrico and Assessor Carolyn McGuire.

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

The minutes from the meeting held February 1, 2021 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Barb McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Greene . All were in favor and the motion passed.

Rhonda Hardwick, Community Corrections, presented the annual reports for signature. Councilwoman McFeaters made a motion to approved, seconded by Councilman Gibson.

Additional Appropriation requests submitted:

General:

Coroner/Equipment in the amount of $1,700.00 was approved with a motion by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All in favor the motion passes.

Commissioner/Professional Services in the amount of $55,000.00 was tabled for further review by the Council.

During the additional appropriation request for professional services, Kim Showalter read aloud a prepared statement. Multiple attendees requested clarification on the additional appropriation request submitted for the Commissioners budget, Councilman Albright responded that it was for legal fees. A discussion followed.

Gerald Montgomery, Clerk, reported that he had two full time resignations within his department at the end of last year. One of those position has been filled. He feels the open full time position could now be a part time position. He requested the cost savings be utilized for a raise for all county staff not just those in his office.

Interfund Transfer request:

General/Clerk:

Funds transferred from Deputy Clerk in the amount of $2,000.00 being transferred to travel. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor motion carried.

Clerk Montgomery stated the highest hourly rate in the part time pay rate range for his office is $9.25. He requested this range be extended to $10.00. No action was taken by the Council at this time.

Teresa Wininger, Deputy Auditor, submitted Monthly Financial Statements for February 2021 to the Council.

Councilman Albright reminded Council Members that information on financial advisors have been emailed to them for review.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters, all were in favor and the motion passed.

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Warren D. Albright Randy L. Wininger

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Sheri Bowling J. Keith Gibson

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Adam Greene Barbara McFeaters

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James A. Stiles

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Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor