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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 6, 2023

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Jordan Dant, Adam Greene, Warren Albright, Keith Gibson, Monty Gregory, Andrew Beaver, and Jim Hamby. Also attending was Auditor Michelle Norris.

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

**RE: MINUTES**

The minutes from the regular meeting and budget adoption held October 2nd, 2023 were approved with a motion made by Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: TRANSFER REQUEST**

The following transfer request was submitted to the Council for approval from Community Corrections:

**Jail Treatment**

From: 9146.387.3000.14 Contract Services $1,500

9146.387.2000.12 Incentives $1,100

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To: 9146.387.1000.13 Jail Treatment Coordinator $2,600

9146.387.1000.14 Social Security $100

A motion was made by Councilman Greene to approve the transfer requests from Community Corrections, seconded by Councilman Beaver. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Motor Vehicle Highway- 1176

Unrestricted- Dept 530

Repairs/Bldg & Equipment $1,100

**Total Motor Vehicle Highway $1,100**

**Less Reduction- Dept 531**

Health/Safety Expense ($1,100)

**Net Additional Appropriations**

**Motor Vehicle Highway Fund $0.00**

A motion was made by Councilman Hamby to approve the additional appropriation and reduction for fund 1176, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

Sheriff

K9- Fund 4012

Supplies $5,833.75

A motion was made by Councilman Beaver to approve the additional appropriation for fund 4012, seconded by Councilman Hamby. All in favor, motion passed.

General Fund

Fund 1000

Jail

Hire Bonus $2,000

A motion was made by Councilman Albright to approve the additional appropriation for fund 1000, seconded by Councilman Beaver. All in favor, motion passed.

Health Department

Public Health Base Grant- Fund 9102

Coordinator $4,000

Asst Public Health Nurse $2,000

POD Supplies $1,500

Wireless Card/Postage $500

Equipment $500

**Total Public Health Base Grant $8,500**

A motion was made by Councilman Beaver to approve the additional appropriation for fund 9102, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

Martin County Innkeepers Tax

Fund 7304

Special Projects $10,000

A motion was made by Councilman Gregory to approve the additional appropriation for fund 7304, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE**

President Dant asked Auditor Michelle Norris for an update regarding health insurance rates. Auditor Norris stated they have heard back from Thompson Insurance and Anthem has come back with an 8% increase for 2024. Marilyn McCullough from Thompson stated Anthem had originally given a rate increase of 15% or 20%. Thompson told Anthem that was unacceptable and Anthem came back with an 8% increase. Auditor Norris stated health questionnaires were sent out to employees who elect to take insurance so the County can shop around for other insurance carriers. Ms. McCullough stated by the end of next week she should receive quotes from other insurances based on the results of the health questionnaires.

**RE: INVESTMENTS**

President Dant asked Auditor Norris if she knew of an update regarding investing of surplus cash. Auditor Norris stated the last update she heard was the Treasurer had met with German American and Indiana Bond Bank regarding investing options, but Auditor Norris was unaware of the results of those meetings. Auditor Norris stated to her knowledge the total balance is all with German American earning about 2.5%. The Council asked that Treasurer Lori Carrico give an update regarding investments at their December meeting.

**RE: COURTHOUSE CLOSURES AND VETERANS APPRICIATION**

President Dant stated the Courthouse will be closed on Tuesday November 7th for election day, on Friday November 10th in observance of Veteran’s Day, and on Thursday November 23rd and Friday November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Councilman Beaver expressed appreciation and thanks to the County’s veterans and Councilman Hamby for their service.

**RE: REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RESIGNATION**

Councilman Gibson stated he could like to resign from the Martin County Redevelopment Commission, effective immediately. A motion was made by Councilman Hamby to accept the resignation of Councilman Gibson from the Martin County Redevelopment Commission and to appoint Councilman Gregory to the position for the remainder of the 2023 term, seconded by Councilman Beaver. All in favor, motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm with a motion made by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Gibson, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

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Warren D. Albright J. Keith Gibson

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Andrew Beaver Jim Hamby

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Monty Gregory

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Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor