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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2023

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session on Monday, August 7, 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, and Jim Hamby. Councilman Andrew Beaver was absent. 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 held July 10th, 2023, the special session on July 10, 2023, and a special session on July 18th, 2023 were approved with a motion made by Councilman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Albright. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE JOB FAIR, TRAINING, AND MANUFACTURING DAY**

 Martin County Alliance Executive Director, Jessica Potts, came before the Council to give an update regarding the job fair the Alliance will be hosting on August 24th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Martin County Community Building at the 4-H Grounds. The Alliance is partnering with Workforce Development Region 8. Registration opened last week and they are up to 13 businesses that have applied, with room for up to 50. If any businesses are interested and hiring, they can call the Alliance at 812-295-4800 to register. Both schools have been invited. Both schools have been invited to participate in a workshop entitled: How to Work a Job Fair. The workshop is presented by Workforce Development Region 8. Students who are planning to go right into the workforce will have the opportunity to learn how to work a job fair and how to talk to employers.

 On September 7th and 8th, the Alliance is hosting an advanced QuickBooks training at the Community Learning Center. If anyone is interested in attending registration is required by calling the Alliance office. On September 29th the Alliance is planning the manufacturing day event with the 8th graders in the County. The 8th graders will be let out of school to tour some businesses to see what is being made in Martin County.

**RE: SALARY AND WAGE AMENDMENTS**

 Auditor Michelle Norris presented salary and wage amendments to the Council. In regards to the Sheriff’s salary and wage amendment at the last meeting, Auditor Norris stated she inadvertently left off an hourly rate range for the part-time animal control officer. Judge Wright-Ryan asked a range be included for court reporters three and four so she has some flexibility in what wage to offer employees. A motion was made by Councilman Albright to approve the salary and wage ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: TRANSFER REQUEST**

 The following transfer request was submitted to the Council for approval from Veterans Services:

From: 1000.012.3000.12 Travel Expense $100.00

 To: 1000.012.2000.11 Office Supplies $100.00

A motion was made by Councilman Greene to approve the transfer request from Veterans Services, seconded by Councilman Hamby. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**Additional Appropriations**

Sewer and Demo Lien- Fund 6042

 Sewer Liens $412.60

 Demolition Liens $15,000.00

A motion was made by Councilman Greene to approve the additional appropriation in fund 6042 in the amount of $15,412.60, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

Community Corrections

 Project Income- Fund 4921

 Equipment Lease $20,000

Community Corrections

 LCC Grant- Fund 9147

 Incentives $2,500

A motion was made by Councilman Hamby to approve the additional appropriations from Community Corrections for funds 4921 and 9147 in the amounts of $20,000 and $2,500, seconded by Councilman Gregory.

**General Fund- Fund 1000**

 Circuit Court

 Psychiatric/Medical $4,000

 Commissioners

 Juveniles in Institutions $10,000

 Election Expense

 Clerk Voter Registration Per Diem $1,220

General Fund

 Sheriff

 Chief Deputy Salary $4,022

 Major Salary $3,899

 Captain $3,776

 Sergeant Salary $3,714

 Corporal Salary $3,679

 Patrol Deputy $3,406

 Patrol Deputy $3,406

 Patrol Deputy $3,362

General Fund

 Jail

 Matron $3,362

 Corrections Commander $3,485

 Correction Officer $3,116

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 Asst Correction Commander $3,204

 Asst Communication Commander $3,204

 Communication Officer $3,116

 Communications Commander $3,485

**TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND $76,804**

A motion was made by Councilman Hamby to approve the appropriations for the general fund for a total of $76,804, seconded by Councilman Gregory. All in favor, motion passed.

Local Statewide- Fund 1222

 Dispatcher $3,116

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**TOTAL FOR LOCAL STATEWIDE 911 FUND 1222: $9,348**

A motion was made by Councilman Albright to approve the additional appropriation for the local statewide 911 fund- fund 1222 in the amount of $9,348, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

LOIT Public Safety County Share- Fund 1170

 Patrol Deputy $3,407

A motion was made by Councilman Albright to approve the additional appropriation for the LOIT public safety county share fund 1170 in the amount of $3,407, seconded by Councilman Hamby. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: ABATEMENT RENEWAL 2024**

 President Dant stated the abatement for Wagbaugh, LLC was tabled at the last meeting until more information could be obtained by Attorney Lett. Attorney Lett has spoken with one of the owners of Wagbaugh and the new lessee has fifteen to twenty employees employed in the building. Auditor Norris was told by Attorney Lett his recommendation was to renew the abatement for Wagbaugh because the conditions of the abatement were being met. A motion was made by Councilman Greene to approve the abatement renewal for Wagbaugh, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

 Auditor Norris presented to the Council information regarding the non-binding reviews for all the county taxing units. The Council was provided the max levy and circuit breaker estimates for each unit from the DLGF prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gregory to approve the levy and circuit breakers for all the units, seconded by Councilman Greene. Councilman Hamby abstained. All others in favor, motion passed.

**RE: HIGHWAY 231 CLOSURE IN 2024**

 President Dant stated notice was received by the Indiana Department of Transportation that Highway 231 South will be closed approximately 2.43 miles North of State Road 56 junction. IDOT is requesting comments regarding any possible environmental effects, social and natural, associated with this project. Comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

The proposed work is to replace the existing 17.5 foot by 8.4-foot slab top culvert with an 18 foot by 9 foot reinforced concreate box culvert. There will be a five-foot undercut at the proposed structure for the length of the structure. Revetment riprap will be placed at the inlet and outlet of the new culvert for scour protection. Approximately 0.03 acre of trees will be removed on the west side of the roadway near unnamed tributary to Slate Creek. All tree removal will occur within 100 feet of the US 231 roadway. Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2024 and be completed in October 2025. The designated detour is stated to be SR 56, SR 257, and US 150. Attorney Lett is preparing a response to the letter.

 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gregory and seconded by Councilman Gibson, all were in favor and the motion passed. Department Budget meetings will be held on August 21st starting at 8:30 am. The next regular Council meeting and budget hearing will be held Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

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 Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor