



THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 6, 2020  
MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Monday, January 6, 2020, in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen present were C. Richard Summers, Randy L. Winger, James A. Stiles, J. Keith Gibson, Warren Albright and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel, Dena Held, CED Educator Purdue Extension; Jamie Cronin, 4-H; Terri Alcorn, Martin County Highway; Josh Brulla, Martin County Jail Commander; Josh Hughett, Martin County Journal; Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections; Adam Green; Sheriff Travis Roush.

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

The minutes from the meeting held December 2, 2019 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Barb McFeaters, seconded by Councilman James Stiles. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Reorganization of the Council took place. Councilman Winger made a motion to reappoint C. Richard Summers as President, seconded by Councilman Albright. All were in favor, motion passed.

A motion to reappoint Councilman Randy Winger as Vice President was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Albright. All were in favor, motion passed.

Dena Held, CED Educator Purdue Extension, approached the Council along with Jamie Cronin, a current 4-H participant. They wanted to update the Council on what is coming up for 4-H. They are reaching out to parents to update them on programs available and the life skills that are learned through the program. Jamie Cronin spoke about his experience in 4-H and how it has affected his future. His show goats went to the State Fair this year and he is learning about welding. Cronin would like to everyone to participate in the programs offered by the 4-H/ Extension Office, he wishes he had become involved sooner. Fliers will be going home with students about the benefits of 4-H. Dena Held stated that funding options are available for parties interested in enrolling but are worried about the cost. She doesn't want financial hardship to be a barrier to participation. The deadline to sign up for 4-H is January 15, 2020. For question please contact the Martin County Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

Josh Hughett, Martin County Journal, submitted the Annual Financial Report for the Martin County Humane Society. They took in 233 dogs and 171 cats in 2019. They had a total of 265 adoptions. At year end they had 10 dogs and 29 cats still available for adoption.

Additional Appropriations were submitted and approved as follows:

Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections, informed the Council about the additional appropriation request for Community Corrections. She explained that the Department of Corrections Grant which was approved was less than what was requested and budgeted for 2020. The grants are submitted without knowing ahead of time what will be awarded. The shortage had to be made up for from other funds thus the request for additional appropriations. The request was submitted so they can officially make expenditures from other existing funds.

Appropriation: Project Income, Community Corrections, totaling \$30,796.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Winger, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters, all were in favor, motion passed.

Appropriation: Jail Treatment Grant, Community Corrections, totaling \$974.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilman Albright. All were in favor, motion passed.

Josh Brulla, Martin County Jail Commander, explained that the additional appropriation request for the Jail was for a grant that was awarded by the Martin County Community Foundation for fire retardant institutional chairs. The grant was submitted jointly by the Sheriff's Department and Community Corrections, they both contributed to the matching portion of the grant. The chairs will help when administering programs being offered to inmates, the GED program, church programs, tutoring, etc. This request is to approve the expenditure of the grant.

Appropriation: Community Foundation Grant, Sheriff, totaling \$1,089.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman McFeaters, advised that Tim Kinder was unable to attend the meeting this evening but will be at the next meeting in February.

Josh Brulla, Jail Commander, stated there are currently 84 inmates with 26 being from Vigo County.

Highway work schedule was submitted.

The Council made the following appointments:

Alcoholic Beverage Board-Kenneth Inman, motion to approve made by Councilman Winger, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All were in favor, motion passed.

Samaritan Advisory Council- Barb McFeaters, motion to approve made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilman Albright. All in favor, motion passed.

Southern Indiana Development Committee-Randy Winger, motion to approve made by Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All in favor, motion passed.

Solid Waste- Richard Summers, motion to approve made by Councilman Winger, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All in favor, motion passed.

Economic Development Commission-Warren Albright, motion to approve made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

PTABOA- Susan Brewer, August Bauer and Roger Downey, motion to approve made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All in favor, motion passed.

Martin County Park Board- Mitch Green and Donna Hawkins, motion to approve by Councilman Winger, seconded by Councilman Albright. All in favor, motion passed.

Redevelopment Commission-Warren Albright and Keith Gibson, motion to approve made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. All in favor, motion passed.

Community Corrections Advisory Board- Barb McFeaters, motion to approve made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All in favor, motion passed.

Alliance Board-Barb McFeaters, motion to approve made by Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections, thanked Councilwoman Barb McFeaters for participating and for making every meeting for the Community Corrections board.

Important Dates:

Courthouse will be closed Monday, January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King Day

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Stiles, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm.