

THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2026
MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in a regular session on Monday, July 6, 2026, in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Council Members attending were Warren D. Albright, Monty Gregory, Jim Hamby, Sheri Bowling, Gerald D. Montgomery, and Jim Woody. Council Member Jordan Berry was absent. Also attending was Auditor Michelle Norris.

President Albright called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:30 pm.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Albright asked if members had a chance to review the minutes of the last meeting. Monty Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Jim Woody. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

RE: SHOALS PUBLIC LIBRARY — BOND ISSUANCE RESOLUTION

Sylvia Albaugh addressed the Council regarding a previously authorized bond issuance connected to the Shoals Public Library's expansion project. The library is bonding \$660,000, to be repaid from library operating funds. Ms. Albaugh explained that the bond was approved by the Council in November 2024; since the bond was approved by the Council in 2024 but issued in a different year, the Council must reapprove the issuance. Attorney David Lett reassured the Council that the County bears no financial obligation for the library's bond and that the Council's action serves as notice and acknowledgment of fiscal activities within the County. A motion was made by Monty Gregory to approve Resolution 2026-24, Resolution Approving the Shoals Public Library Issuance of Bonds. The motion was seconded by Gerald Montgomery. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

RE: FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS GROUP (FSG) — LIT RESTRUCTURING ASSISTANCE

Auditor Michelle Norris reported that Financial Solutions Group had sent a proposal to assist the County with Local Income Tax (LIT) restructuring anticipated for next year. Monty Gregory expressed the need for guidance as the whole LIT structure is changing. A motion was made by Monty Gregory to approve engaging Financial Solutions Group for advisory assistance on LIT restructuring. The motion was seconded by Gerald Montgomery. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. Auditor Norris stated she would also present the engagement to the Board of Commissioners at their meeting tomorrow night for their consideration.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS — ENCUMBRANCE (JUVENILE GRANT FUNDS)

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy joined via Zoom to explain an encumbrance related to the Juvenile Community Corrections Grant, which operates on a mid-year cycle (July 1–June 30). In May, the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) approved a grant amendment allowing purchase of supplies for juveniles (e.g., incentives, hygiene products). Due to timing, purchases were made in June using the county Visa, necessitating an encumbrance to process payment in July. Director Murphy emphasized these are DOC-approved grant funds and the encumbrance is procedural. A motion was made by Monty Gregory to approve the encumbrance for Community Corrections Juvenile Operations in the amount of \$4,642.25. The motion was seconded by Jim Hamby. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Juvenile Community Corrections	
9131.387.2000.24	Misc. Supplies
	\$4,642.25

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS — ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (PROJECT INCOME)

Director Murphy requested an additional appropriation of \$16,000 from Project Income (user fees) to Office Equipment for upgrades at the Community Corrections building. Upgrades include camera system replacement, bringing the back door up to code with an alarm, and a new intercom system. Director Murphy reported multiple quotes were obtained; the highest was approximately \$38,000, and Area One submitted a quote just under \$16,000 covering all identified needs. A motion was made by Jim Hamby to approve the additional appropriation of \$16,000 in Project Income for Office Equipment for the specified upgrades. The motion was seconded by Sheri Bowling. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Community Corrections	
Project Income	
1122.387.4000.11	Office Equipment \$16,000

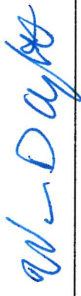
RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT — ENCUMBRANCE

Auditor Norris reported on behalf of the Health Department due to Public Health Nurse Julia Albright being unavailable. Auditor Norris requested an encumbrance in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund, which is a mid-year grant, for expenses incurred before June 30. Reported expenditures included \$1,910.84 for supplies and \$30.01 for a wireless card/postage, totaling \$1,940.85, to be carried forward from June’s budget into the new grant year. A motion was made by Gerald Montgomery to approve the encumbrances for the Health Department in the amount of \$1,940.85. The motion was seconded by Monty Gregory. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

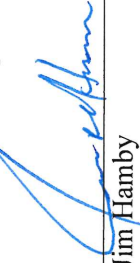
Health Department	
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	
8102.000.2000.11	POD Supplies \$1,910.84
8102.000.3000.11	Wireless Card/Postage \$30.01

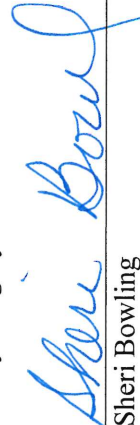
AJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was made by Monty Gregory to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Woody. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next regular meeting of the Martin County Council is scheduled for August 3, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the Martin County Courthouse, with department budget meetings to follow throughout the day.

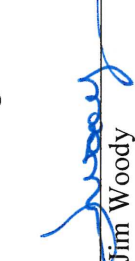

Warren D. Albright


Monty Gregory


Jim Hamby


Sheri Bowling


Gerald D. Montgomery


Jim Woody

Jordan Berry

ATTEST: 
Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor