

MEETING MINUTES
Monroe County Income Tax Council
Public Safety Local Income Tax Committee

City Council Chambers
Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
June 18, 2018
5:30pm

Dorothy Granger called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present: Jim Sims (Bloomington Common Council), Susan Sandberg (Bloomington Common Council), Isabel Piedmont-Smith (Bloomington Common Council), Dorothy Granger (Bloomington Common Council), Shelli Yoder (Monroe County Council), Cheryl Munson (Monroe County Council), Scott Oldham (Ellettsville Town Council), Lois Purcell (Stinesville Town Council)

Staff Present: Dan Sherman (Council Attorney/Administrator, City of Bloomington), Jeff Schemmer (Communications Manager, Monroe County Central Emergency Dispatch), Jeffrey Underwood (Controller, City of Bloomington), Michael Rouker (City Attorney, City of Bloomington)

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Granger moved and it was seconded to elect Oldham as chair of the committee. The motion was approved by voice vote.

3. GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

Oldham gave a summary of the agenda.

Sherman explained the guidelines were the same as the prior year except for one change that reflected information to be provided by Unified Central Dispatch (Dispatch).

Granger asked if Dispatch had a record of all calls that different responders received, even if a call was placed directly to a township fire department. Schemmer said a call made directly to a fire department would be passed along to Dispatch. He said Dispatch would have a record of such calls.

Piedmont-Smith said guideline three implied there were only two types of funding requests (operational or capital), when there were actually more types. She suggested amending it to clarify that the listed funding types were merely examples. She also suggested combining the subitems listed under the third eligibility element. Sherman explained the items were actually two different elements required of providers requesting funding. Piedmont-Smith suggested

amending the first subitem to clarify that the provider must be operated by or serve a political subdivision.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve amendments to the guidelines. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Sherman reviewed the dates and deadlines relevant to the application. He reviewed changes to the application form and process from the previous year.

Piedmont-Smith asked whether the dates of presentations from applicants should be reflected on the application material. Sherman said he would amend the materials to reflect the actual dates of applications after the committee set its schedule.

Granger suggested having only one deadline for electronic and hardcopy applications.

Yoder asked if the electronic application was fillable. Sherman said it was.

Munson noted a typographical error under the list of requested additional documents.

Granger moved and it was seconded to approve amendments to the application. The motion was approved by voice vote.

4. SCHEDULE

The committee discussed possible dates, times, and locations for future meetings of the committee. The following meetings were scheduled: July 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., July 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., August 7, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. with meetings to be held in the City Council Chambers of Bloomington City Hall.

Granger moved and it was seconded to authorize the committee chair to approve the agendas for the scheduled meetings. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to schedule the discussed meetings. The motion was approved by voice vote.

5. OVERVIEW OF LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES, REVENUES, AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Underwood provided an update on the 2018 public safety revenue that had been distributed and an early estimate of \$8,321,639 for 2019 revenue that had been released by the state budget agency. He explained that there would be additional refined estimates in July, August, and November. He explained the committee would be conducting its business based on estimates that could change.

Munson asked for information on how the estimates provided by the state differed throughout the years 2017 and 2018 to see if there was a pattern in how those figures changed. Underwood said he would provide that information.

6. REPORT ON UNIFIED CENTRAL DISPATCH EXPENDITURES

Schemmer gave an update on the Dispatch communications project that had been funded for 2018. He said the project would continue into 2019. He said there were two parts of the project that were moving forward at the same time. He said the radios had been purchased ahead of schedule and the mobile data terminals (MDTs) project was proceeding. He said the radio purchase came with a five-year maintenance plan, which meant townships would not need to pay for the maintenance costs. He said there was programming and training sessions that still needed to be completed for the radios. He thought both parts of the project would be completed ahead of the original schedule and hopefully below budget.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the proposed 2019 Dispatch budget would be available before the committee's meeting on July 11, 2018. Schemmer said yes.

Sims asked who the radio vendor was. Schemmer said the vendor was ERS-OCI Wireless and the radio brand was Motorola.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Sherman clarified the information to be provided to the committee at its next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.