Call to Order
Chair Winder called the meeting to order.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Winder, Vice Chair Makhija, and Commissioner DiBello were all present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Montgomery County’s District Attorney, Kevin Steele.

Commissioners’ Comments
Chair Winder:

➤ Weather Events
   ❖ Shout out to our teams at Public Safety, Roads & Bridges, and Communications for managing the emergencies we experienced during the snow storms

➤ Acknowledgment of Judge Nicole Tate-Phillips
   ❖ Earlier this week, Judge Tate-Phillips received the Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Woman of Distinction Award from the Barrister’s Association
   ❖ This award is presented to an outstanding woman attorney of color who has helped advance the education and careers of other women of color within the legal profession and beyond
   ❖ Throughout Judge Tate-Phillip’s career, she has truly created new directions and opportunities for women of color, all while maintaining her character, poise, and professionalism
   ❖ Congratulations and I’m proud that you are Montgomery County’s very own

➤ School Board Appreciation Month
Today we acknowledge, honor and thank the members of school boards that work tirelessly and endlessly to support our children and teachers

Thank you for your dedication and shout out to my former colleagues from Norristown Area School District for their dedication to education

Way to Go Montco!

*Congratulations to our January Winners and thank you for all the work you do*

- Thomas Benner
- Mafalda Corrado-Hassan
- Ray Heydt
- Megan Morrison
- Daniel Pickell
- Camille Stevenson

Black History Month

- Montgomery County’s Black History Month Committee is hosting its annual Black History Program
- This year’s theme is a celebration of “African Americans and the Arts”
- Each Wednesday in February there will be an event focusing on different topics including movies, music, hair art, and fashion
- The first three events will be virtual, and the fourth and final event on February 28th will be an in-person celebration with live performances and lunch
- All Montgomery County residents are invited to participate
- Details are available at [www.montgomerycountypa.gov/blackhistorymonth](http://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/blackhistorymonth)

Vice Chair Makhija:

Election Policy

- Earlier this week, the Board of Elections passed a policy that upholds the right to vote in Montgomery County
- The Board of Elections passed a policy that allows mail-in and absentee ballots with an incorrect or missing year to be counted
- Without a clear ruling from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on the issue, we advanced this measure to affirm these voters’ rights
- Votes shouldn’t be thrown out over minor technicalities that reflect common human mistakes, like dating the wrong year
- It was the first decision on mail-in ballot dating requirements in Pennsylvania this year
- Montgomery County is, and will continue to be at the forefront of protecting the right to vote, a hard-won right that is fundamental to our democracy
RMS Contract

Today, we will hear from District Attorney Steele who will announce Montgomery County's commitment to modernizing government and municipal services through a law enforcement records management contract that I support.

Commissioner DiBello:

School Board Commendations

Thank you to our School Board members and the commitment to support our youth’s education.

Montgomery County has some of the top school districts and awesome board members working towards a common goal for our community.

RMS Contract

With my full support for this contract, the County will update the records management system to be more modernized for our law enforcement data.

Homelessness & Public Safety

Homelessness and public safety are two projects I will continue to advocate for during my tenure.

An Emergency Medical Services meeting was held this week in Skippack Township to go over resource concerns and how the County can best meet their needs.

We have also met with the Police Chief Association, the District Attorney’s Office, and our very own Sheriff’s Department to get an overview of operations and more.

Montgomery County has great emergency services and public safety teams that have my unequivocal support.

Announcements, Commendations, Presentations & Reports

1. **Heart Health Month** – David Genova, Director, Health Promotion - Department of Health and Human Services Office of Public Health

Public Comment – Limited to 3 Minutes

(Speakers may comment on matters that are or may be before the Board of Commissioners. All public comments must be relevant, or “germane,” to County business. This means that the subject matter of all comments must be limited to items or issues which are currently before the Commissioners for consideration, or which may come before the Commissioners for consideration at a future meeting. Speakers may present comments once during the meeting.)

1. District Attorney Steele commented on the records management-data sharing contract award that will support modernizing and synchronizing our public safety infrastructure.
2. Jim McHartland commented on tax increases, economic inflation, budget expenditures/line items, the costliness of the Justice Center Project, and the Planning Commission’s mission.
3. David Morgan commented on transparency with county resources, accessibility, spending, allocation, and increasing public comment time.
4. Marilynn Muer commented on the dating of ballots, following the PA Election aw, and opposes accepting and counting incorrectly dated ballots.
5. Barbara Ferman commented in opposition to counting incorrectly dated or undated ballots based on PA election law.

Approval of the Minutes
Chair Winder made a motion to approve the January 11, 2024 minutes of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners’ meeting.

Commissioner DiBello seconded the motion.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote, and it was adopted with all in favor and none opposed.

Ordinance
Approval of County Bridge Posting – Jesse King, Director of Assets & Infrastructure

Chair Winder made a motion to approve the Ordinance as described by Mr. Jesse King.

Vice Chair Makhija seconded the motion.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote, and it was adopted with all in favor and none opposed. The full text of the resolutions 24.C-11 can be found here.

Resolutions
Authorization to advertise Amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) – Kayleigh Silver, Office of Housing & Community Development Administrator

Chair Winder made a motion to approve resolution number one as described by Ms. Kayleigh Silver.

Vice Chair Makhija seconded the motion.

Authorization to apply for the TD Bank Charitable Foundations Housing for Everyone Funding Competition - Kayleigh Silver, Office of Housing & Community Development Administrator
Chair Winder made a motion to approve resolution number two as described by Ms. Kayleigh Silver.

Vice Chair Makhija seconded the motion.

**Authorization of Community Planning Assistance Contract Renewals for Upper Moreland Township, Central Perkiomen Regional Planning Commission, Schwenksville, Jenkintown and Narberth Boroughs - Scott France, Executive Director of Planning**

Chair Winder made a motion to approve resolution number three as described by Mr. Scott France.

Commissioner DiBello seconded the motion.

**Authorization of Property Transfer for County Bridge #44; Moredon Road over Pennypack Creek in Abington Township – Scott France, Executive Director of Planning**

Chair Winder made a motion to approve resolution number four as described by Mr. Scott France.

Vice Chair Makhija seconded the motion.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought resolutions #1-4 to a vote, and it was adopted with all in favor and none opposed. The full text of the resolutions 24.C 12-15 can be found [here](#).

**Personnel**

**January 25, 2024, Personnel List – Chief Human Resources Officer, Catherine Halen**

Chair Winder made a motion to approve the January 25, 2024, Personnel presentation as given by Chief Human Resources Officer, Catherine Halen and to authorize the proper County Officials to execute the same.

Commissioner DiBello seconded the motion.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote and it was adopted with all in favor and none opposed.

**Advertisement of Bids, RFP’s, and RFI’s – Exhibit A**

Chair Winder made a motion to approve the Advertisement of Bids and RFP’s for Montgomery County on attached Exhibit A, and to authorize the proper
County Officials to execute the same, subject to the approval of the County Solicitor.

Vice Chair Makhija seconded the motion.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote, and it was adopted with all in favor and none opposed. The full text of the resolution 24.C-16 can be found here.

**Awards of Contract – Montgomery County – Exhibit B**
Chair Winder made a motion to approve the Contract Awards, Amendments, and Renewals for Montgomery County on attached Exhibit B, and to authorize the proper County Officials to execute the same, subject to the approval of the County Solicitor.

Vice Chair Makhija seconded the motion.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote, and it was adopted. The full text of the resolutions 24.C-17 can be found here.

**Closing Commissioners’ Comments**
Commissioner DiBello commented on incorporating an overview of the Justice Center Project and inviting Laurel House and Mission Kids to discuss human/child trafficking to raise awareness on this complex issue from a community standpoint.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**
1. Retirement Board Meeting at 12pm
2. Board of Commissioners’ Meeting – **Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 10am**

**Adjournment**
On motion of Chair Winder, seconded by Commissioner DiBello, the January 25, 2024 meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners was adjourned.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote, and the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned with all in favor and none opposed.

**Salary Board**

**Public Comment on Salary Board – Limited to 3 Minutes**

**Salary Board**
Chair Winder motioned to approve the January 25, 2024, Salary Board presentation as given by Chief Human Resources Officer, Catherine Halen, and to authorize the proper County Officials to execute the same.

Controller Sanchez seconded the motion.

There was no further Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote and the January 25, 2024, Salary Board was adopted with all in favor and none opposed.

**Adjournment**
On motion of Chair Winder, seconded by Commissioner DiBello, the January 25, 2024, meeting of the Montgomery County Salary Board was adjourned.

There was no Board comment. There was no public comment. Chair Winder brought the motion to a vote, and the Montgomery County Salary Board meeting was adjourned with all in favor and none opposed.

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