

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
MARCH 15, 2011

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. All members are in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Duckwall gave a report on information brought to him by the Auditor regarding notice from the State that Miami County had been over compensated on C.E.D.I.T. and Local income taxes. The notice stated that for 2009 Miami County was over compensated \$297,499 in C.E.D.I.T and \$402,224 in local taxes for a total of \$699,723. The State is going to reduce the County's distribution over the next three years to correct the error.

MINUTES

Councilman Hunt moved to approve the February 15th minutes. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Wiles and passed 6-0. (Councilwoman Mull had not arrived yet)

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

An additional appropriation of \$15,000 was requested for the Airport Authority (Peru City). Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve and Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5-1 (Donaldson).

Councilwoman Mull entered.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, came before the Council to request \$1.5 million be re-appropriated from C.E.D.I.T. for the Hanger 200 project. The Council approved the appropriation last September but the appropriation ended December 31, 2010 and since other funding had not been secured and no contracts/agreements signed, the money could not be encumbered. Mr. Tidd gave a brief overview and update of the project. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve and Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey came before the Council to request hiring a private investigator. He stated he **had** gone before the Board of Commissioners and they support him hiring the investigator as a contract person. Mr. Embrey stated he is agreeable to that for the remainder of 2011 but would like for him to be a County employee in the future. He revised the numbers to \$16,400 from Deferral and \$11,675 from County General with an expected return to County General of \$11,270 reimbursement from 4D. Craig Boyer, Chairman of the Commissioners, told the Council that the Board of Commissioner voted 2-1 to support the Prosecutor's request. He feels it will be money well spent. Since the amount requested to be advertised from Deferral was only \$12,000 that is all that could be appropriated at this time. Councilman Kendall made a motion to allow \$12,000 be appropriated from Deferral for the hiring of an investigator. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe and Donaldson).

Councilman Kendall made a motion to allow \$11,675 be appropriated from County General for the hiring of the investigator. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 4-3 (McAuliffe, Donaldson, Hunt).

An additional amount of \$4,500 will need to be advertised (Deferral) for next month.

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL ORDINANCE 3-15-11

Ordinance 3-15-11 regarding spending un-appropriated money was presented to the Council. The ordinance states that the Clerk of the Courts shall submit a budget for the Clerks Record Perpetuation Fund for 2012 and every year thereafter. In addition the ordinance says that no County funds can be expended unless it has been appropriated. There was discussion on whether that included mandates from the Courts and state called meetings which are to be paid out of un-appropriated funds. Councilwoman Mull asked about emergencies and President Duckwall said a special meeting would need to be called for all un-appropriated expenditures. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, gave the Council an update on activities in her office. She stated she thought that the Council should be updated quarterly on activities in the offices. Mrs. Weaver gave the Council a copy of a document before digitizing and one after to show what a difference it made. She stated that she will need to come to the Council for an additional appropriation in June or July from the Security Protection Fund (Redaction) in the amount of \$5,382.75.

Mrs. Weaver also stated that she will be turning in a full budget at budget time because she has to.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman McAuliffe. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Hunt and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor