

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman McAuliffe is on vacation.

**MINUTES**

The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS**

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, asked the Council for permission to move money from his 04 Capital Outlay to his 03 Other Services to cover some additional expenses. He will still have money left to turn back in at the end of the year. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**ASSESSOR OFFICE**

Nikki Nordman, Chief Deputy Assessor, explained to the Council that the Assessor's Office is in need of a couple of software updates to ensure the documents that have to be sent back and forth to the State are readable for both sides. The updates will be paid for out of the Reassessment fund. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Clerk

Tawna Leffel, Clerk, asked why the request for \$600 for her attorney fees was not on the agenda. President Ralph Duckwall said we would go ahead and discuss the \$1800 dollars she requested for her Maximus contract. Ms. Leffel said she had e-mailed several Council members and wanted to know why the attorney fees had not been put on the agenda. President Duckwall said she was not going to spend County money (perpetuation fund) for her attorney. Ms. Leffel stated it was her money (perpetuation fund) and if she had to get her attorney again, it would cost more money. President Duckwall stated that he would not have the Auditor advertise unless the other Council members wanted it to be. Councilman Donaldson asked the Clerk if she would have had to get an attorney if she had talked to the Board of Commissioner first. Ms. Leffel said she didn't know.

Councilman Kendall made a motion to approve the \$1800 for the Maximus contract. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

Councilman Kendall made a motion to allow the Auditor to advertise the \$600 for attorney fees. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Councilman Wiles stated that if something like this was allowed, everyone would go get an attorney and have the County pay for it. President Duckwall called for a vote. The motion passed 4-2 (Duckwall and Donaldson voted against).

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Sheriff Tim Miller brought an amendment to the Sheriff's retirement plan that needs to be approved by the Council. There are a couple of changes that are required for by the IRS. The Sheriff informed the Council that the Sheriff's Merit Board has signed off approving the changes and noted the changes would not cost the County anything. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve and sign. Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

MCEDA

Christy Householder, MCEDA, told the Council that Ken Lichelider Von Liche Kennels wants to build a new building because he has some new government contracts and would like to make that area a revitalization area with the hopes of being granted some incentives. Chairman of the Commissioners, Craig Boyer, stated that this is the first the Board of Commissioners heard about this and asked why the Board of Commissioner weren't made aware of it.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve and Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion failed since it was a tie vote. (Duckwall, Wiles, Mull for. Kendall, Donaldson, and Hunt against).

Councilman Donaldson asked why this would be considered and not the large cattle or hog farms that are in the County. Mrs. Householder replied that this is not agriculture.

#### REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

Linda Harp commented that everyone is concerned about the County and the finances. She stated that the citizens of Miami County elected the officials to watch over the County's money and they need to remember where the money they are spending comes from. Everyone needs to work together because money is tight and will get tighter. Mrs. Harp asked that the money be spent wisely.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Woods asked what cuts the Council took in their budget. Ms. Woods stated that the Council's budget for travel increased tremendously. Councilwoman Mull said the Council never spends all of their budget.

Councilman Kendall said he had heard 2 Council members went to New Mexico. President Duckwall stated that he to New Mexico and it did not cost the County anything, it was through Economic Development.

Pat Woods asked if travel was more important than two positions that are being eliminated. Councilwoman Mull explained that the Council member have State meetings to go to and President Duckwall explained that Council members are having to go to Indianapolis more often due to budget and other issues.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

---

Jane Lilley  
Miami County Auditor