

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
March 19, 2013

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 present.

Recording device not available for this meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman McAuliffe informed the group that the first meeting of the Vote Center committee was held. There will be more information coming.

Councilman McAuliffe also asked if the dates for budget hearings could be set at next months meeting to give people time to adjust their schedules.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Hunt made a correction to the minutes correcting the meeting day to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS**

**REASSESSMENT**

Assessor Sarah McAuliffe did not require the requested transfer.

**C.O.I.T. DISTRIBUTIVE FUND**

The Auditor requested an additional from this fund for the balance of the two bailiff salaries that were not appropriated at budget time. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow \$70,000 be appropriated from this fund. Councilman Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to correct the C.O.I.T. fund appropriation to \$35,478.

Councilman Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

The Board of Commissioners requested an additional appropriation of \$1,453 for the Highway Engineer who was overlooked for a 3% raise at budget time. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to allow. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

None

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Councilwoman Mull stated that the office person at the extension office does the same type of work as the person at Soil and Water but gets paid less. She would like to see the Extension person get the same pay as a 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy. President Duckwall said maybe they could look at that at budget time. Councilwoman Mull would like for it to be done now. The Auditor stated it could not be done now because it had not been advertised. Councilwoman Mull asked for it to be done next month.

**REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

MCEDA

Kristy Householder spoke to the Council about the creation of a Regional Planning Organization. Regional Planning Organizations support local governments, grant writing, provides technical assistance and facilitate relationships with State/Federal agencies.

The Counties that would be a part of an RPO for this area would be Cass, Clinton, Fulton, Howard, Miami and Tipton. The initial budget would be \$175,000 calculated on population. The calculation would 77 cents per person and that would calculate out to be \$28,415 for Miami County. Mrs. Householder stated that the City of Peru is willing to pay part of it (probably by population of Peru, but that has not been finalized yet).

Councilman Boyer stated that this is very important because a regional group would be to access more grant opportunities than just a local.

Commissioner Francis stated that the Board of Commissioners approved the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) last December.

Commissioner West asked how long of a commitment they are looking for. Mrs. Householder said the plan is that the group be self-sufficient in 3 years.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to support. Councilman Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Councilman McAuliffe stated it is too bad we have to do this instead of Miami County having their own grant writer.

Councilman Boyer stated he would like to see what the City is putting in.

Councilwoman Harp asked President Duckwall for clarification of what they were going to vote on. President Duckwall said it was just a vote of support in order to advertise for the dollars next month.

Councilman McAuliffe also asked for the salaries of the positions they will be hiring.

Motion passed 7-0.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sara McAuliffe informed the Council that she has two employees leaving that she will need to replace. She also has two PTABOA members that have resigned and she needs to replace them as well. President Duckwall asked if they will need to have a special meeting to appoint and Mrs. McAuliffe said yes. Duckwall and Mrs. McAuliffe will get the information regarding the date and time for the meeting to be advertised.

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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Jane Lilley  
Miami County Auditor