

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
March 15, 2016

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Councilman Boyer made a motion to accept the 2/16/16 minutes. Councilman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS**

**CEDIT**

The Council reviewed the resolution presented for the CEDIT pledge of \$100,000 for the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds improvements for the next 3 years, with a total contribution of \$300,000. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0. Councilwoman Harp stated that she was very proud of the 4H members for putting together funds before coming to the county for the additional financial assistance.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$100,000 for 2016 for the 4-H Fairground improvements from CEDIT. Councilman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**CASA**

Kurt Kiefer, CASA Director came before the Council requesting permission to hire a part-time for his department. Mr. Kiefer explained that the state approved additional funding for CASA programs. Currently, CASA is required to see all the kids they have within their program to continue receiving funding. Due to the increased number of cases, part-time help is needed to either take on some of the caseload or help in coordinating the volunteers. Mr. Kiefer stated that the funds for this program do not come directly out of any general funds at the county level, but rather grant money received from the state. Mr. Kiefer is requesting \$8400.00 at this time to hire the part-time person. Mr. Kiefer will come back later after more grant funding is received for an additional appropriation, as this amount was all that was advertised and available. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$8400.00 for the hiring of a part-time position with CASA. Councilman Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**PLATBOOK**

Commissioner Francis explained to the Council the request of \$4000.00 from the Platbook fund to assist in paying for the fly over services for assessing purposes. The flyover will include land pictures and elevations and will make it so that the Assessor can see everything located on the property. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$4000.00 from Platbook. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**SURVEYOR PERPETUATION**

Commissioner Francis noted that this additional appropriation goes along with the Platbook appropriation along with funds from Reassessment. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$4000.00 from Surveyors Perpetuation. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**PROSECUTOR TRANSFER**

Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor explained to the Council that there had been an issue with accurate 1099 reporting at year-end. In the past, the process for determining those vendors that were 1099 eligible was not proper accounting and the Auditor's Office needs to make some changes to ensure that all 1099 eligible vendors are being reported correctly. Mrs. Brown explained that the current account codes are flagged 1099 eligible based on services provided. If a claim is submitted and is being paid out of an account code that is not flagged as such, they vendor will not receive a 1099. This year a few vendors did not receive a 1099, causing issues with reporting. In order to fix this situation in this particular budget, a transfer needs to be made from the public safety training account to the following accounts: postage, transcription, supplies and computer equipment. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the transfer request of 80.00 to postage, 2000.00 to transcription, 1000.00 to supplies and 2000.00 to computer equipment. Councilwoman Harp 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

## **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

### **9-1-1 AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Francis requested to table the 9-1-1 agreement until the April 2016 meeting, as there were some issues that needed to be addressed.

### **REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The request by the Health Department to discuss the Health Maintenance fund was moved to the April 2016 meeting.

#### **HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE STATUS CHANGE**

Commissioner Francis stated that in April the Board of Commissioners would be coming before the Council with a formal recommendation to change Randy Hileman from Assistant Foreman of the Bridge Crew to a Foreman's position. There have been some changes within the department and he is taking on the role of Foreman.

Councilwoman Mull asked if the additional funding coming to the county would be available to repair Lost Bridge. Commissioner Francis stated that they could not repair the bridge for several reasons, with the largest issues being cost, environmental restrictions and historical requirements.

#### **SHERIFF/E 9-1-1**

Sheriff Miller discussed with the Council the need for new E 9-1-1 equipment. After taking over the E 9-1-1 center, it was brought to the Sheriff's attention that much of the equipment was antiquated or broken and needs to be brought up to date. Sheriff Miller has addressed the 5 issues that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Sheriff Miller shared pictures of the current E 9-1-1 center and discussed that the need to move from the current location to the jail.

1. E 9-1-1 Switch-This identifies the phone number, who owns the line and location of the call. Currently, AT & T provides the hardware and software for the switch. The AT & T contract for the equipment that was originally purchased has been extended 2 times, leaving the county owing \$598,660 towards equipment that only has 1 piece that has life left, at 5 years and will not be upgradeable. Sheriff Miller is recommending that the county buyout the remainder of the current contract with AT & T and purchase a new switch thru ECW (hardware). Sheriff Miller recommends that a new contract be made with AT & T for the network and database management portion. Sheriff Miller understands that this is a substantial amount of money. Sheriff Miller noted that if the county were to pay off the current debt at 6.25% they would save \$70,000 over the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 years of the new debt incurred. Total cost of the switch and support is \$622882.14. \$299,942.14 to ECW for hardware and \$322,940 to AT & T for network and database management.
2. Radios-Sheriff Miller noted that approval for new radios had already been approved in December 2015.
3. Protocols-Sheriff Miller explained that the protocols allow the dispatcher to be able to input information regarding the call and the system will automatically bring up the protocol for treatment. The protocol feature also allows for training and evaluation of the dispatchers. This feature will also interface with the CAD system used by both the Sheriff and E 9-1-1 departments. Total cost for the protocol feature is \$40,919.00.
4. Recording System-The new system will record and log all 32 channels of radio and telephone traffic going the central dispatch. The new system will keep records for future use if needed. Cost of the new recording system is \$39,985.00.
5. Workstations/Chairs-Sheriff Miller gave photos of the current workstations and chairs being used at E 9-1-1. Sheriff Miller noted that the workstations were old equipment acquired from other counties several years ago. The workstations do not properly house the equipment and the chairs are not made for a 24/7 E 9-1-1 center. Sheriff Miller is recommends purchasing new workstations and chairs from Xybix and RDT Concepts. Total cost for workstations and chairs is \$54071.76

Sheriff Miller presented information regarding these requests to the Council. Cost of total project (excluding radios already approved) is \$1,356,518.79. Councilwoman Harp stated that she has been attending meetings with the Sheriff regarding these requests and that he has been working very hard to reduce costs to make this project work. Councilwoman Harp went on to say that the reduction in cost was not minor and she appreciated the time and work involved in gathering the information and negotiating the costs with vendors. The Council will discuss the request at the April 2016 meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Councilman Wiles noted that he had attended Purdue Road School last week and received information regarding Asset Management Plans for the Highway Departments. Councilman Manning stated funding is available and will do further research to get a plan prepared.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hershel Manhart, CEO Helping Hands, came before the Council to request to exclude the organization from the wheel tax in 2017. Mr. Manhart explained they run solely on donations and grants. The Council will take the request under advisement.

Adam Hunt, 4-H Board President expressed his appreciation to MCEDA, Board of Commissioners and the Council for the CEDIT contribution.

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

Respectfully submitted

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**Mary Brown**  
Miami County Chief Deputy Auditor