

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
May 17, 2016

Council Vice-President Ethan Manning called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Council members Duckwall and Boyer were not present at the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Councilman Wiles made a motion to accept the 4/19/16 minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 5-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS**

None

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

None

**REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

Kris Marks, EMA Director, stated that since there was not much on the agenda, he wanted to come and update them on the three cars they allowed him to purchase last month. The vehicles are on his property but it takes a while to get all the paperwork done and get them street ready. Mr. Marks hopes to have them ready in time for the circus parade.

Mr. Marks also brought in two quotes for a new vehicle for him to drive since he wrecked the vehicle he had been driving.

- 1) 2017 Explorer \$30,500
- 2) 2017 Expedition \$37,000

Councilman Manning asked if he had looked at any used vehicles. Mr. Marks said he was not sure if it would be worth it because if you get a nice used one and put a little money into it, the cost would be almost as much as a new one.

Councilwoman Harp asked what he did with the old ones. He said he would put a "for sale" sign on them for 24 hours and either sell or scrap them.

The next step would be for the Board of Commissioners to ask for an additional appropriation to purchase a new vehicle for the EMA Director (no money in EMA budget and no money appropriated anywhere else).

**COMMITTEE UPDATE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairman Manning stated that since there was not much on the agenda for this meeting, he would like to discuss some items facing the Council.

**INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY & SBOA STATE EXAMINER DIRECTIVE 2015-6**

Auditor Jane Lilley passed out information on both, along with examples from a few counties that had already passed their ordinances. Auditor Lilley stated that she would like to see a separate ordinance for Internal Controls and the Materiality Policy (Directive 2015-6). Vice-Chairman Manning asked for a couple of Council members to work with the Auditor to draft both policies. Councilwoman Mull, Councilman Manning and Commissioner Francis will work with the Auditor on both policies.

**FOLLOW UP TO JOINT MEETING ON DEVELOPING A PLAN**

Commissioner Francis updated the Council on the following:

**Phone System** – The Commissioners voted yesterday to purchase a new phone system. We currently have 2 phone systems and both companies are going out of business. The cost of the new system is \$144,812.

**Camera system** – The camera system was hit by lightning and is experiencing difficulties so the Board of Commissioners are looking at replacing that system.

**WEBSITE** - The Board of Commissioners will be meeting with another website company at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting.

**9-1-1 Agreement with the City** – Commissioner Francis anticipates 9-1-1 to have moved to the Jail by sometime in July. He and the Sheriff are working with the City for their share of the equipment and updating the Inter-local agreement.

**Fourth Floor issue** – The Board of Commissioners hired Ryan Constable to address the fire-walls for the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Four County Mental Health Suit** – Pat Roberts is handling the suit on behalf of the County. He has filed his appearance and has asked for an extension of time to reply. Commissioner Francis also stated that they are looking at other facilities the County could hire to replace Four County. The Commissioners have not been happy with the services provided by Four County or the way they have handled this situation. The Board of Commissioners feel there is another Mental Health Facility that could fulfill the statutory requirements for the County and be easier to work with.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Court Room** – Councilwoman Harp asked where the Commissioners are with finding more space for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Courtroom. Commissioner Francis stated that is a big part of why they would like to have a study done. They need to look at available space and space needed and make a plan that will meet the needs of the County with the least amount of expense. Ideally they would like to see the court system in one building and all non-court offices in another.

#### **COUNTY COUNCIL CONFERENCE**

Vice-President Manning asked if there were any Council members that are planning on attending the Council Conference. Councilwoman Harp, Councilwoman Mull and Councilman Manning will be attending.

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

Respectfully submitted

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**Jane Lilley**  
Miami County Auditor