

**MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BOARDWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

Council President Click opened the meeting and lead all in attendance in reciting the pledge to the flag.

EMEDA STRATEGY PRESENTATION

Jim Tidd and Christy Householder gave a slide presentation of the MCEDA Strategy. They asked the Council for a vote of support for the strategy. The presentation explained the current areas that are designated as economic development sites and the sites that could be used in the future. Mr. Tidd said one of the main things employers tell them is there is a lack of work ethics among workers. He also said this is the same problem noted in many other communities. The Council discussed the educational opportunities available for citizens of our County.

A motion was made by Councilman Duckwall to support and approve the Strategy presented. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Wiles and passed 7-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUEST

The first order of business is a request from the Highway department for \$8,158.50 for a new employee. This employee will work with Virginia Bennett to learn the software and then take her place when she retires. The additional appropriation comes from the MVH Fund. A motion to approve the additional appropriation was made by Councilwoman Mull. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Kendall and passed 7-0.

DRAINAGE PROJECT

The next order of business is the Board of Commissioners requesting an additional appropriation to off set the cost for a drainage project west of Deedsville. Commissioner Deeds explained that the request is for \$10,000 because the Drainage Board feels that is the amount of benefit the County would get from fixing the problem. The water problem on the road cannot be corrected until the drain is fixed. Commissioner Deeds said this is an accident waiting to happen. The land owner's portion of the project would be \$17,000. Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor told the Council what they have done in the past, but he feels with this project, it is best to hire an outside company to do it from start to finish. The Council discussed where to take the funds to appropriate for this project. Commissioner Deeds said that if the County Council approves this the Drainage Board will take it back to the land owners. If the land owners still refuse to address the issue, the money approved will not be used. The Council had copies of all 3 funds advertised, the Rainy Day, CEDIT and River Boat Funds. Commissioner Hawley said the fund choice is the Councils, but they feel this project is needed. Councilman Wiles moved to take the recommendation of the Commissioners and to take the funding out of the Rainy Day Fund. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Duckwall and passed 7-0.

SHERIFF'S ACCIDENT REPORT ORDINANCE

Sheriff Roland explained to the Council that after the fees were adopted at the last Council meeting he received the contract with the company stating that the Sheriff cannot sell the reports at the local Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Roland said he has corrected that issue with the company and he wants to amend the Ordinance to lower the fee to the public to \$8 for accident reports purchased at the Sheriff's Department. If citizens go on line to purchase the accident report it will cost \$12. Either way the Sheriff's department gets \$8. A motion to approve the amended Accident Report Ordinance was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull and passed 7-0.

DOG TAX ORDINANCE

Councilman Click tabled the Dog Ordinance again. Commissioner Hawley cautioned the Council that there are wide spread effects to the Dog Tax other than just collecting funds. It affects several other Ordinances.

Councilman Click reminded those in attendance that there is a public meeting on Thursday at 5:00 pm for the wage study.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Duckwall and 2nd by Councilman Wiles. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Weaver, Auditor