

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
01-20-09

MINUTES

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

NOMINATIONS

President Duckwall turned the meeting over to Vice-President Mull for nominations for the position of President. Councilman Wiles nominated Ralph Duckwall. Councilman Hunt made a motion to close the nominations and by acclamation and proclamation appoint Councilman Duckwall as President of the Council. Councilman Wiles 2nd and it passed 6-1 abstain (Duckwall).

Council President Duckwall resumed leading the meeting and asked for nominations for the position of Vice-President. Councilman Wiles nominated Councilman Steve McAuliffe for the position of Vice-President. Councilwoman Shirley Mull 2nd the nomination. Councilman Hunt made a motion to close the nomination and by acclamation and proclamation appoint Councilman McAuliffe as Vice-President. Motion passed 6-1 abstain (Councilman McAuliffe abstained).

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

The next item to be addressed was the meeting dates and times. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to keep the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COMMITTEES

The Council went over the following committee recommendations:

<u>Donaldson</u>	Historical Society Middle Eel River Watershed Tax Abatement
<u>Duckwall</u>	Tax Abatement Budget and Wage Dukes Healthcare Foundation Liaison MCEDA
<u>Hunt</u>	Extension Advisory Bd. County Planning Commission Local Coordinating Council
<u>Kendall</u>	Jail Committee

McAuliffe Enhanced 911
Emergency Management
Community Corrections
Tax Abatement
Liaison MCEDA

Mull Solid Waste
Four County Mental Health
Jail Committee

Wiles Enhanced 911
Dukes Healthcare Foundation
Ambulance Advisory Board
Budget and Wage

Councilman Hunt moves to accept and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

WELCOME

Mary Milroy, new Chief Deputy Auditor, and John Donaldson, new County Councilman, were welcomed. The Council also thanked Bill Click, past Councilman, for all of the work he did for the Council and the County.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to accept the November minutes. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

The Council conducted interviews for the position of Council Attorney. Councilman Wiles made a motion to hire Patrick Roberts as the County Council Attorney, paid as a contract and not as an employee. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull and passed 7-0.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to appoint Jim Wilson to the Alcohol Beverage Board. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passes 7-0.

CONVERSE-JACKSON LIBRARY

Councilman Hunt made a motion to appoint Joy Elzing to the Converse-Jackson Library Board and it was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull. The motion passed 7-0.

PTABOA BOARD

Councilman Wiles made a motion to appoint Chris Bishop and Linda Garber to the PTABOA Board. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

DENVER BUDGET

When the Council approved the budgets they were missing two, Denver and Perry Township. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the Denver budget as submitted and it was 2nd by Councilman Donaldson. The motion passed 7-0.

It was decided to wait on Perry Township until the Council receives further information.

LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL

Janelle Hanley, new Coordinator of the LCC came before the Council regarding the LCC budget. In November the LCC Board voted to give the Coordinator of the program a raise of \$1000.00, however the budget was already set and approved by the Council. She needed to know what it is she needs to do. The Council decided to table until next month.

9-1-1

Councilman Wiles is on the 9-1-1 Board. James Comerford has left the position of Director of 9-1-1 and the Board is looking for a replacement. He asked the Council if it would be possible to set a salary range that could be advertised for the position. After some discussion Councilman Wiles made a motion to set a range of 38,000 to 42,000. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 with Kendal and Donaldson casting the opposing votes.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – COMMISSIONERS

Greg Deeds, Chairman of the Commissioners, came before the Council with a request to change the Animal Control Officer from contract to a County employee. There would be no change in the appropriation. After some discussion Councilman Wiles made a motion to allow and Councilwoman Mull 2nd. The Council asked some questions and followed up with more discussion. Both Councilman Wiles and Councilwoman Mull withdrew the motion and 2nd and it was decided to table until next month.

EMA

Mike Peconga and Kris Marks made a presentation to the Council about what the EMA is about and what they do. The Council thanked them for the presentation.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, Council attorney, told the Council his door is always open.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley, Auditor

