

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
MARCH 31, 2010

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order. Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the reciting of the pledge to the flag. Councilman Kendall was not present for the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

The Miami County Sheriff passed out staff analysis for the new jail. The analysis shows a need for 24 employees (minimum) and we are at 17. The Sheriff also stated that he has spoken with the Department of Corrections and they are in need of beds. He said that he told them he could take possibly 20 inmates. He stated the DOC did not want to contract out but they are out of beds and he is trying to work with them. He is also going to contact the US Marshall to see if they need anyone housed.

The Sheriff's Department looked at approximately 6 different work schedules to try to find a solution other than having to hire but could not find one that would give them any solution to their current problems. They have been hit hard with the transports to Court. Councilman Wiles would like to have a meeting with the Judges and Sheriff to see if there is a way to increase the use of the video court and/or the room at the new facility set aside for hearings. Councilwoman Mull would also like to have a meeting to have all parties work together for the good of the County.

The Sheriff said he could purchase the uniforms and radios out of the Commissary fund and the guns/tazers out of firearms. He is also looking at the budget to see if he can reduce it by taking some other items out of a different fund. Some items were budgeted, but are not necessary due to items being purchased/furnished during the construction of the jail.

Councilwoman Mull and Councilman Wiles both spoke of the liability concerning the shortage of staff at the jail and the potential safety problem. There is a concern that if the Council was aware of the shortage of jail staff and did not utilize the Public Safety money available the Council could be faced with issue that are more serious.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow the Sheriff to hire 5 jail deputies and 2 communications clerks out of the Public Safety fund. Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and after discussion, the motion passed 5-1 with Councilman Hunt casting the opposing vote.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman McAuliffe. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Mull and passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

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Jane Lilley  
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