

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
JULY 20, 2010

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilwoman Mull moved to approve the May 18th minutes. The motion was 2nd by Councilman McAuliffe and passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Sheriff's Department – The Sheriff is allowed by statute, to have a chief Deputy but has chosen not to for several years and the Major position (Chief Deputy) was dropped from the budget and not listed in the Salary Ordinance. The Sheriff promoted Sgt. Timothy Hunter to that position several months ago. The Auditor is requesting the Council a revision to the Salary ordinance listing the position. There will not be any change in pay for Major Hunter therefore no additional appropriation is needed. Councilman Wiles made a motion to revise the Salary Ordinance to list the Major position. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

ASSESSOR – Assessor Nancy Gates updated the Board on the activities being done in the Assessors office. Mrs. Gates and her staff completed and have mailed out the Form 11's. All of the work was done in house to save money. The office staff accumulated over 200 hours of comp time.

The Council was also updated that the County (Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer) was Phase II certified June 28th, 2010.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director, informed the Board that Economic Development has been working with a company that would like to locate at Grissom. Mr. Tidd has been working with this company for almost a year. It is an airplane maintenance company and they are interested in leasing Hanger 200. The hanger will need some work done to it because it has not been used much since the military left. The cost of the renovation is estimated at \$10.3 million. There is an application in place for a \$500,000 grant from the USDA, a \$2.5 million dollar grant from EDA and a loan for \$6.3 million from OCRA. Mr. Tidd is requesting the County pledge \$1.5 million from C.E.D.I.T funds as the local match. The company has been in business for 40 years and would not only bring jobs to the community but could also bring other similar companies to the area. The request will need to be published for the next meeting.

2-1-1

Debi Miser spoke to the Council regarding funding for the 2-1-1 service. The Board of Commissioners have appropriated money in their budget for the last couple of years and 2-1-1 is requesting the appropriation again. The 2-1-1 center is located in Kokomo but services Miami County residents. The 2-1-1 center is very hopeful that they will receive federal funding next year but in the event that doesn't happen they will be in need of the appropriation.

Councilman Donaldson asked if the service is making it easy for people to take advantage of the system. Ms. Miser feels that providing information to people in order to help themselves is not making it easy to work the system.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, informed the Council that Farm Bureau and MCEDA are putting on a seminar for wind farms, August 12th 6:30 -8:30.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Mull. The motion was 2nd by Councilman McAuliffe and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor