

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
January 12, 2016

Councilman Manning – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Present
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Election of Officers and Committee and Board Appointments

Current President Duckwall turned the meeting over to Councilman Wiles. Councilman Wiles opened the nominations for the President of the Council. Councilman Manning made a motion to nominate Ralph Duckwall as President of the Council. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Duckwall abstained).

Councilman Wiles turned the meeting back over to President Duckwall. President Duckwall then opened the nominations for Vice-President. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to nominate Councilman Wiles as Vice President. Councilman Boyer made motion to nominate Councilman Manning as Vice-President of the Council. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion to nominate Councilman Manning as Vice-President of the Council. Councilman Wiles declined the nomination. The Council voted 6-0-1 (Manning abstained) in favor of Councilman Manning being Vice-President of the Council.

The Council reviewed each members Committee appointments:

Craig Boyer:

Middle Eel River Watershed

Linda Harp:

Historical Society

Tax Abatement

Jail

EMA

Ralph Duckwall:

Budget and Wage

Dukes Healthcare Foundation

Tax Abatement

Courthouse Security

Ethan Manning:

Extension Advisory Board

County Planning Commission

MCEDA Liaison

Tax Abatement

Budget and wage

Shirley Mull:

Solid Waste

Jail

Richard Wiles:

Enhanced 9-1-1

Dukes Healthcare Foundation

Regional Planning Board

Budget and Wage

Health Insurance Committee

Dick Wood

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Community Corrections

Local Coordinating Council

Councilman Manning asked about 4 County Mental Health Board. Councilwoman Mull explained that she sat on that Board for a lot of years. There are currently 3 people from Miami County that sit on that Board. There was discussion regarding whether the Council or the Commissioners have appointments to make on that particular Board.

County Council Attorney: Jeff Price

Jeff Price made a request to make it Price Law Firm (instead of Jeff Price).

Councilman Manning made a motion to appoint as presented including Price Law Firm as legal representation.. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

MEETING TIMES

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to keep the meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the G.A.R. room of the Courthouse. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

MINUTES

Councilman Manning made a motion to accept the 12/15/15 minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

There was a list of additional appropriations submitted from the budget hearings. Departments were asked not to ask for raises in their budgets and outside of a handful of employees that received higher amounts, the majority of the employees received a 2% raise.

REASSESSMENT - \$2,043

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

HIGHWAY PHASE1 - \$2,442

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

DEFERRAL - \$984

Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

VICTIM ADVOCATE - \$585

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

E9-1-1 - \$5,562

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY - \$3,093

Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

C.O.I.T. DISTRIBUTIVE SHARES

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

HIGHWAY

Also at budget time, it was determined that the Highway needed to pay for some of the worker's comp cost. Therefore an additional appropriation, in the amount of \$50,000, is being requested to help defray the cost. Councilman Manning made a motion to allow. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

DEFERRAL

The Prosecutor is asking for another \$10,000 to be appropriated from Deferral for insurance premium on a new employee. Councilman Manning made a motion to allow. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

C.E.D.I.T. - \$2,500

This amount was requested, due to the Converse Library inadvertently being left out of the budget. However, the Council moved \$2,500 from the Peru Library to the Converse Library. Unfortunately the citizens of Miami County do not know that \$50,000 was appropriated for the Peru Library in 2015, but they refused it, so it was lowered to \$25,000 in 2016. It just makes sense to move the \$2,500 to the Converse Library and not ask for an additional. Chairman of the Commissioners, Josh Francis, stated that the Commissioners have tried on several occasions to contact them, but they have not returned any calls or messages. Councilwoman Mull said it was a real shame because she heard they were short of money on the project they are doing. Councilman Manning said he hopes that a line of communication can be re-opened.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

REFINANCING OF THE JAIL BONDS

Rick Hall couldn't make the meeting tonight so he asked Brian Colton, UMBAUGH, to fill in for him and explain the savings that could be realized by refinancing the jail bonds at this time. Since the interest rate is lower now than it was when we took out the bonds and it is anticipated that the interest rate is start raising, now would be the best time to refinance. It is anticipated that

the County could save over \$1 million dollars in interest over the next 17 years. Refinancing will not extend the end date at all.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve Resolution 1-12-2016 approving the refinancing of the Miami County Jail Holding Bonds of 2008. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

PLANNING SESSION

Councilman Manning requested that the Council and Commissioners set a date for a joint planning session to set priorities for the two boards to work on. The two boards set a date of February 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in the G.A.R. room.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Wood asked about max levy numbers. President Duckwall explained he has requested that the Legislators allow some of the max levy lost from Miami County when we were froze at the lower amount. Because we were not using all of our max levy.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor