

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
January 11, 2022

Councilman Duckwall – Present
Councilwoman Chittum – Present via phone
Councilman Donaldson – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Absent
Councilman Sailors – Present
Councilman Nutt-Present via phone

President Duckwall called the meeting to order.

President Duckwall led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Duckwall opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Councilman Sailors made a motion to nominate Councilman Duckwall as Council President and Councilwoman Chittum as Vice-President. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Ducwakll reviewed the committee appointments below:

Budget and Wage	3	Ralph Duckwall, David Sailors, Dick Wiles
Community Corrections	1	Richard Wood
County Plan Commission	1	Brian Nutt
Courthouse Security	1-2	Sandy Chittum, John Donaldson
Dukes Healthcare Foundation	2	Ralph Duckwall, Richard Wiles
E911	2	Richard Wiles, Richard Wood
Emergency Management Agency	1	John Donaldson
Historical Society	1	Sandy Chittum

IT Committee	1	Dave Sailors
Jail	2	David Sailors, Sandy Chittum
Local Coordinating Council	1	Richard Wood
MCEDA Elected Officials Council	1-2	Ralph Duckwall, Sandy Chittum
Miami County Chamber of Commerce	1	Sandy Chittum
Purdue Extension Advisory Board	1	John Donaldson
Regional Planning Council	1	Richard Wiles, Dave Sailors (BOC Appointment)
Solid Waste District	1	David Sailors
Tax Abatement	3	Ralph Duckwall, Sandy Chittum, Brian Nutt
Peru Public Library	1	Sandy Chittum

Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve the committee appointments. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

MINUTES

Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

-REQUEST TO INCREASE WAGES-SOIL AND WATER

The Council tabled the request to take under further advisement.

-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director introduced John Zehner representing Nuke Med. Mr. Zehner explained Nuke Med is another cyclotron manufacturer wishing to expand their business next to Arizona Isotopes. Mr. Tidd noted the Economic Development Commission held a public hearing prior to the Council meeting. Brad Fruth, Secretary of the Economic Development Commission presented the

report from the meeting, with a proposal and recommend to the Council in support of the project with Nuke Med.

Mr. Tidd presented the following information regarding the proposed abatement with Nuke Med.

Recommendation: The Incentive Committee of the Miami County Economic Development Authority hereby **recommends** that the Miami County Council favorably consider the following incentive for Nuke Med Inc. dba SpectronRx.

- 10 year tax abatement, fixed at a rate of 70% each year of the abatement period. Based on estimated \$15 million investment in personal property.

Conditions: In recognition of the County's participation and support of Nuke Med, Inc., the Incentive Committee recommends the following conditions be attached to the aforementioned incentives;

- Nuke Med Inc. dba SpectronRx, during the period of the abatement, maintain a minimum of 15 employees.

Justification/Support: The new investment, for which this incentive has been recommended, will create 25 new jobs. This new investment will allow Nuke Med Inc. dba SpectronRx to expand their business in Miami County, which provides a more stable business environment and a forecast of steady growth for Miami County and help create diversification of industry.

Mr. Tidd noted MCEDA presented approved Resolution 11/10/2021, pledging TIF funds for the abatement by the MCEDA Board.

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to accept the Economic Development Commission Report as presented. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

President Duckwall presented Ordinance 1/11/22 B A Resolution of the Miami County Council, Miami County, IN Approving the Request of Nuke Med dba SpectronRX for Tax Abatement. This would approve the abatement request for a 10-year tax abatement, fixed at a rate of 70% each year of the abatement period. Based on estimated \$15 million investment in personal property. Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve Ordinance 1/11/22 B A Resolution of the Miami County Council, Miami County, IN Approving the Request of Nuke Med Inc. dba SpectronRX for Tax Abatement. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

President Duckwall presented Ordinance 1/11/22 A Resolution of the Miami County Council, Miami County, IN Approving the Request of Nuke Med Inc. dba SpectronRX for Personal Property Tax Abatement. This would approve the abatement request for a 10-year tax abatement, fixed at a rate of 70% each year

of the abatement period and require a minimum of 15 employees. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve Ordinance 1/11/22 A Resolution of the Miami County Council, Miami County, IN Approving the Request of Nuke Med Inc. dba SpectronRX for Personal Property Tax Abatement. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

SALARY ORDINANCE UPDATE

Auditor Brown presented 2022 Salary Ordinance Amendment #2 to reflect the change for Kyle Johnson moving to train for Election Deputy, the Reassessment Deputy for the stipend that should be included in her wages and the stipend for Coroner Deputy call-outs. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance Amendment #2. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

CONVERSE-JACKSON LIBRARY

The Council received a request to appoint Elaine Sweet for another term to the Converse-Jackson Library Board. President Duckwall noted the Council previously appointed David Durkes, but due to some paperwork issues, the Council needed to reappoint Mr. Durkes again. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to appoint Elaine Sweet and David Durkes to the Converse-Jackson Library. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

REQUEST TO INCREASE WAGES-CLERK

Clerk Sherry Raber requested to increase wages for a former employee; David Birnell. Clerk Raber explained Mr. Birnell left to pursue his own business, but did not work out. Clerk Raber would like to bring Mr. Birnell back part-time, but would like to request the Council increase the part-time wages she currently pays from Clerk Perpetuation from \$11.50 to \$15.00. Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve increasing the part-time wage for Mr. Birnell from \$11.50 to \$15.00 paid from Clerk Perpetuation. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

President Duckwall requested Jim Tidd, MCEDA provide an update on the READI Grant and proposed housing project.

Mr. Tidd explained the county recently received an award under the READI Grant. A total of \$30 million dollars was awarded. The region started out with 150 projects, which was narrowed down to 22. Miami County was fortunate enough to have 5 projects in the top 22 across our region. Mr. Tidd explained Indiana Economic Development Commission would handpick the projects, which Mr. Tidd is waiting to hear back on. Mr. Tidd noted Governor Holcomb encouraged our region not to give up on the other projects as more funding could be coming under a READI Grant 2. Mr. Tidd hopes to hear by the end of January what projects have been selected for funding.

Mr. Tidd provided an update on the housing project next to the new YMCA. Mr. Tidd stated the deal was finalized for 170 new units, with groundbreaking to start in the next couple of months. Mr. Tidd pointed out there is not contamination, but compaction issues with the soil, stating he may be requesting assistance from the City of Peru and County for the soil issues. The estimated cost to remedy the soil issue is about \$800,000. Mr. Tidd wanted to dispel any rumors, stating the housing is NOT HUD housing, but all private housing at market rate. The hope is that the inventory will help to build the population of Peru, not just current residents looking to move.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown

Miami County Auditor