

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
May 17, 2022

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

President Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer. President Duckwall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **MINUTES**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS**

##### **E 9-1-1 LOCAL SOURCE FUNDING**

The Council received a request for additional appropriation from E 9-1-1 Local Source Funding for \$13,175. President Duckwall noted the additional appropriation request was because of a yearly the Indiana Statewide 9-1-1 does a review of all expenditures from Statewide 9-1-1 and verifies the validity of purchases. In 2021, there were some expense paid from statewide 9-1-1 that were determined by Statewide 9-1-1 that did not qualify. The county is required to reimburse the funds to cover the ineligible expenses. The expenses will be reimbursed from Local Source Funding 9-1-1 to statewide 9-1-1. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request from E 9-1-1 Local Source Funding for \$13,175. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

##### **E 9-1-1 LOCAL SOURCE FUNDING**

The Council received a request for additional appropriation from E 9-1-1 Local Source Funding for \$6,436 for the increase in wages for the 9-1-1 Director. President Duckwall noted the Council approved the increase for Molly Grant, 9-1-1 Director in February 2022; however, the additional appropriation was not completed for the increase. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional request from E 9-1-1 Local Source Funding for \$6,436 for the

increase in the Director wages. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **PRETRIAL JUSTICE GRANT**

The council received a request for additional appropriation from PreTrial Justice Grant for \$57,412. Chief Deputy Auditor Mary Betzner noted that currently, there is a fund 9152, Justice Partners Addiction Grant that covers the wages for a PreTrial Intake Officer (the position was created 11/16/21). Probation received another grant to cover the PreTrial Intake Officer position for \$57,412, which included wages and benefits. We will be moving the wages from fund 9152, Justice Partners Addiction Grant to Fund 9161 PreTrial Justice Grant. Total approved budget for this grant was \$57,412; however, wages will be less due to the current PreTrial Intake Officer's level of education and years of service under the judicial schedule. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request from PreTrial Justice Grant for \$57,412. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **ADULT PROBATION**

The council received a request for additional appropriation from Adult Probation for \$7,500 to cover the wage increases for the Chief Probation Officer and Assistant Chief Probation due to the number of Probation Officers being managed. President Duckwall stated the change in wages is a result of establishing the PreTrial Intake Officer position. Chief Deputy Auditor Betzner noted the Council approved in April to increase the wages of the Chief Probation Officer and create the new Assistant Chief Probation Officer position due to the number of Probation Officers managed in April. The increase in wages are based on the state judicial schedule, which is determined by level of education, years of service if how many Officers are managed. Councilman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request of \$7,500 to cover the wage increases for both the Chief Probation Officer and Assistant Chief Probation Officer due to the number of Probation Officers being managed. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0

### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

The Council received Salary Ordinance Amendment #5 and Budget Ordinance Amendment #1, which updates the salary for the Chief Probation and Assistant Chief Probation Officers and reflects the addition of the new PreTrial Services Grant in the budget ordinance. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance Amendment #5 and Budget Ordinance Amendment #1. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

Courtney Schmidt, Purdue Extension provided a quarterly program review and newsletter for the office.

President Duckwall recommended budget hearings be held August 30, August 31 and September 1, 2022. The Council discussed continuing with the same guidelines for hearings as in the past and agreed to set the hearing dates as suggested.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tracy Dishman, Peru Tribune Editor introduced herself to the Council. Ms. Dishman stated she has appreciated the warm welcome to the community.

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

Respectfully submitted

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**Mary Betzner**

Miami County Chief Deputy Auditor