

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
May 18, 2021

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 and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Duckwall reminded the Council of budget hearings August 31, September 1 and September 2, 2021.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes.
Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

The Council received a request for additional appropriation for \$1,500 from Clerk Perpetuation for contracts. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request of \$1,500 from Clerk Perpetuation to cover the cost of contracts. Councilman Wood 2nd the motion the motion and it passed 7-0.

The Council received a request for additional appropriation for \$2,000 from CEDIT for the Area 5 Guardianship Program. The Council had already approved the expenditure, but needed to approve the additional appropriation. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request of \$2,000 from CEDIT for the Area 5 Guardianship Program. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion the motion and it passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

None

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councilman Wood requested an updated on the status of the new Health Department. Auditor Brown stated that all was moving along. The framing was completed for the new morgue, floor coverings have been ordered and it should be about 2 weeks for the overhead doors to be installed.

Auditor Brown stated the Board of Commissioners agreed to use \$1.4 million dollars of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to help with the REMC broadband project. The project would provide high-speed internet to underserved students in Macy, Chili, Denver and southern Miami County.

Auditor Brown stated Jim Tidd, MCEDA is requesting the Council and Board of Commissioners form a committee to put together ideas for uses of the ARP funds. Auditor Brown stated that the boards would need to meet to decide what, if any of the proposed cross-section of people Mr. Tidd suggested should be included. Auditor Brown noted that it is difficult because there is still little directive from the Treasury on uses and many of the groups have funding available to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown
Miami County Auditor