

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
May 19, 2020

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 via teleconference.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 minutes. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

President Duckwall reviewed the following additional appropriation requests, which are clean-up to the budgets. President Duckwall reminded the Council and audience the Council cannot approve more than advertised and due to raises, the Council had to adjust other areas within the 2020 budgets. County General, Reassessment, Cum Courthouse and the Health funds required an additional appropriation to cover the difference in the tax caps not entered correctly into Gateway during the adoption process. President Duckwall presented the following for consideration:

COUNTY GENERAL	\$ 465,864
-TAX CAPS/INSURANCE	
REASSESSMENT	\$ 29,366
-TAX CAPS/INSURANCE	
CUM COURTHOUSE	\$ 30,903
-TAX CAPS/MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	
HEALTH	\$ 25,426
-TAX CAPS/INSURANCE	
USER FEE DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 606
-SUPPLIES	
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 4,260
-PERF	
HIGHWAY PHASE 201	\$ 4,083
-INSURANCE	
STATEWIDE E 9-1-1	\$ 7,230
-PERF	
STATEWIDE E 9-1-1	\$ 11,200
-COMPUTERS	
ADULT PROBATION	\$ 684
-DRUG TESTING-LAB	
DEFERRAL USER FEE	\$ 1,344
-INSURANCE	

VOCA	\$	640
-PART-TIME		
SOIL & WATER	\$	224
-PERF		
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PI	\$	1,920
-PERF		
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT	\$	3,600
-SUPPLIES/REPAIRS		
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT	\$	2,740
-OTHER SERVICES/DRUG TESTING		
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT	\$	37,410
-OTHER SERVICES/TREATMENT		
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT	\$	1,000
-OTHER SERVICES/CELL PHONES		
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT	\$	27,950
-OTHER SERVICES/LEASE		

Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve the additional appropriations as presented. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

President Duckwall explained that due to the current situation with COVID-19, the Grissom Air Museum has agreed to postpone their request for funding until the fall.

Auditor Brown presented an additional appropriation request for computer upgrades from the Surveyor Perpetuation fund for \$2,500. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request from the Surveyor Perpetuation fund for \$2,500 for computer upgrades. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

TRANSFERS

The council received a transfer request from the Highway Department to transfer \$40,000 from Project Road to Professional Engineering Services within Wheel Tax Fund to cover the costs associated with the Community Crossings Grant. Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the transfer of \$40,000 from Project Road to Professional Engineering Services within Wheel Tax Fund to cover the costs associated with the Community Crossings Grant. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

The council received a transfer request from the Health Department to transfer \$430.60 from equipment repair to computer software to cover the costs to upgrade the Health Nurse's computer. Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve the transfer of \$430.60 from equipment repair to computer software to cover the costs to upgrade the Health Nurse's computer. Councilwoman Chittum 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

The council received a transfer request from the Health Department to transfer \$2,238 from utilities to computer software to cover the costs to upgrade the Environmental Health computers. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the transfer \$2,238 from utilities to computer software to cover the costs to upgrade the Environmental Health computers. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION REVITALIZATION AREA

The Council received Resolution 5-19-2020 Declaratory Resolution Designating a Certain Area within the County as an Economic Development Revitalization Area. Brooke Robertson, MCEDA explained the incentive committee met in February regarding a company who wants to locate or expand a company on Blair Pike for a possible project. In order to obtain incentives, the area of 6 parcels would need to be deemed an economic revitalization area. Ms. Robertson stated that the Council would adopt the resolution and then a public hearing would be held at 6:45 on June 16,

2020 prior to the Council meeting. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to authorize President Duckwall to sign Resolution 5-19-2020 Declaratory Resolution Designating a Certain Area within the County as an Economic Development Revitalization Area. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

CONVERSE LIBRARY

Andy Horner, Converse Library came before the Council for approval of an additional appropriation for computer hardware and software. Mr. Horner explained the Library board approved the request, but because it was over the average growth quotient, it required the County Council to review and approve it as well. Mr. Horner explained the funds would be used to do a complete technology replacement. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request from Converse Library of \$10,000 for a complete technology replacement. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Mr. Horner noted the Library is 100 years old 2 years ago and they are looking to expand. A feasibility plan has been approved to double the size of the library, which would make the building completely handicap assessable.

SALARY ORDINANCE UPDATE

President Duckwall explained the 2020 Salary Ordinance needed updated to reflect the change to the maintenance positions as the jail and the salary of the Community Corrections Director. The changes to the maintenance positions were approved in December 2019 and the Community Corrections Director salary change came in January based on the judicial pay schedule. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2020 Salary Ordinance Amendment #1, reflecting the change to the maintenance and Community Corrections Director salaries for 2020. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

RAINY DAY TRANSFER

President Duckwall explained to the Council Auditor Brown sat in on a conference call with the state a few weeks prior and was told to plan for a decrease in income taxes, potential loss of assessed values and a lower growth quotient due to COVID-19. In light of these circumstances, Auditor Brown recommended the transfer of funds from County General to Rainy Day for the construction/reconstruction project should be suspended until further notice. The funds from CEDIT would continue to be transferred without disruption. Councilman Wiles made a motion to suspend the transfer from County General until further notice. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

2019 to 2020 ENCUMBRANCE

The Council received Resolution 5/19/2020 B the 2019 to 2020 Encumbrance request of \$958,867.74. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve Resolution 5/19/2020 B the 2019 to 2020 Encumbrance request of \$958,867.74. Councilman Wood 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

BUDGET HEARINGS/ADOPTION

President Duckwall stated the 2021 Budget Adoption Hearings would be held August 25 – 27, 2020, with final budget adoption on October 20, 2020.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councilman Wood asked if the Planning and Zoning had hired an inspector yet. Auditor Brown noted the position was advertised, but no one has been hired.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown
Miami County Auditor