

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
2023 Budget Hearing Day 2-1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
August 31, 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 back in session from recess.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Circuit Court budget as follows:

Personal Services \$109,861  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$11,200  
Capital Outlays \$11,500  
Total 2022 Budget \$132,561

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Superior Court budget as follows:

Personal Services \$110,561  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$11,900  
Capital Outlays \$10,000  
Total 2023 Budget \$132,461

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**SUPERIOR COURT II**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Superior Court II budget as follows:

Personal Services \$108,461  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$12,200  
Capital Outlays \$9,000  
Total 2023 Budget \$129,661

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Councilman Donaldson made a motion to amend the original motion to approve the 2023 budget, removing the \$5,000 stipend with the change in the new judge for 2023. President Duckwall stated the only time the Council can make the change is when a new judge takes over. The new budget would be as follows:

Personal Services \$103,461  
Supplies \$0

Other Services & Charges \$12,200  
Capital Outlays \$9,000  
Total 2023 Budget \$124,661

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

### **JURY FEES**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Jury Fees budget as follows:

Personal Services \$0  
Supplies \$500  
Other Services & Charges \$20,000  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$20,500

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Clerk of Circuit Court budget as follows:

Personal Services \$217,696  
Supplies \$3,500  
Other Services & Charges \$8,000  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$229,196

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Clerk of Superior Court budget as follows:

Personal Services \$131,424  
Supplies \$2,500  
Other Services & Charges \$500  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$134,424

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **CLERK OF ELECTION**

Clerk Sherry Raber explained there was an increase in the 2023 budget due to the City of Peru election in 2023, increase in poll workers, an adding a new machine for voting. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Clerk of Election budget as follows:

Personal Services \$51,900  
Supplies \$5,000  
Other Services & Charges \$51,600  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$108,500

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**CLERK OF VOTER REGISTRATION**

Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve the 2023 Clerk of Voter Registration budget as follows:

Personal Services \$32,808  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$32,808

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

**CLERK PERPETUATION**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Clerk Perpetuation budget as follows:

Personal Services \$21,530  
Supplies \$4,200  
Other Services & Charges \$2,100  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$27,830

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**HEALTH**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Health budget as follows:

Personal Services \$276,552  
Supplies \$26,600  
Other Services & Charges \$31,130  
Capital Outlays \$800  
Total 2023 Budget \$335,082

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Local Health Maintenance budget as follows:

Personal Services \$34,000  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$34,000

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT**

Councilman Donaldson made a motion to approve the 2023 Health Preparedness Grant budget as follows:

Personal Services \$16,639  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$16,639

Councilman Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**SCHOOL LIAISON GRANT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 School Liaison Grant budget as follows:

Personal Services \$54,077  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$54,077

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2032 Extension Office budget as follows:

Personal Services \$42,155  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$59,100  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$101,255

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**CORONER**

Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the 2023 Coroner budget as follows:

Personal Services \$129,200  
Supplies \$2,250  
Other Services & Charges \$4,167  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$135,617

Councilman Donaldson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**PROSECUTOR**

Deputy Prosecutor Peter Diedrichs presented information to the Council regarding statistics of felonies spanning from 2018 to 2022. 10 murder charges have been filed and there is a potential of 7 additional cases pending filing. Deputy Prosecutor Diedrichs went on to state when the Miami Correctional Facility was built, it was to be minimum to medium security, but has since turned into a maximum-security prison, which has resulted in an increase to battery on guards and additional cases filed in the Prosecutor's Office. Prosecutor Jeff Sinkovics stated he has contacted the state regarding the changes in the level of security at the Correction Facility and needing additional funding to help fund another Deputy Prosecutor due to the increase in case filings. The state would have to offer other counties additional funding and won't pursue the matter. President Duckwall encouraged the Prosecutor to work with Representative Manning to find some way to make Miami County an exception in the statute and let the county know what they can do to offer support. Prosecutor Sinkovics requested in the 2023 budget, he requested an additional Prosecutor to take on the increase in prison cases.

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Prosecutor budget as follows:

Personal Services \$153,090  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0

Capital Outlays \$4,350  
Total 2023 Budget \$157,440

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **IV-D CHILD SUPPORT**

Prosecutor Jeff Sinkovics noted he requested the added Prosecutor to the IV-D. The Council discussed and did not feel that they could add the position in 2023 as they are focusing on potential salary increases for the other employees. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 IV-D Child Support budget as follows:

Personal Services \$171,944  
Supplies \$2,500  
Other Services & Charges \$5,500  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$179,944

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **USER FEE FUNDS (DEFERRAL)**

Prosecutor Jeff Sinkovics noted he requested an increase in transcription and also requested increasing the salary for Courtney Alwine because it was inadvertently paid lower than the other Deputy Prosecutor and was overlooked. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2022 User Fee Fund budget as follows:

Personal Services \$17,765  
Supplies \$1,150  
Other Services & Charges \$25,500  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2020 Budget \$41,415

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **VICITIM'S ADVOCATE**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Victim's Advocate budget as follows:

Personal Services \$38,737  
Supplies \$750  
Other Services & Charges \$2,686  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$42,173

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0

#### **SURVEYOR**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Surveyor budget as follows:

Personal Services \$60,540  
Supplies \$2,900  
Other Services & Charges \$3,100  
Capital Outlays \$100  
Total 2023 Budget \$66,640

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **SURVEYOR PERPETUATION**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Surveyor Perpetuation budget as follows:

Personal Services \$0  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$1,500  
Capital Outlays \$15,500  
Total 2023 Budget \$16,500

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Weights and Measures budget as follows:

Personal Services \$14,098  
Supplies \$200  
Other Services & Charges \$1,188  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$15,486

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Council budget as follows:

Personal Services \$55,953  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$1,650  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$57,603

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **EMA**

EMA Director Kris Marks stated he added an increase in fuel costs due to the rising prices. Director Marks stated he is not asking for part-time help, but may need to ask for help down the road. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2022 EMA budget as follows:

Personal Services \$41,921  
Supplies \$925  
Other Services & Charges \$42,850  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$85,696

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **LEPC**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 LEPC budget as follows:

Personal Services \$2,718  
Supplies \$500  
Other Services & Charges \$11,670  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$14,888

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Drainage budget as follows:

Personal Services \$6,100  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$6,100

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COURTHOUSE**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Courthouse budget as follows:

Personal Services \$88,123  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$205,900  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$294,026

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

**COMMISSIONERS**

Auditor Brown's noted the Commissioners budget has large increases in the PERF and FICA accounts in the event raises are awarded. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Commissioners budget as follows:

Personal Services \$3,909,402  
Supplies \$40,000  
Other Services & Charges \$591,341  
Capital Outlays \$301,599  
Total 2023 Budget \$4,842,342

Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0

**CUM COURTHOUSE**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Cum Courthouse budget as follows:

Personal Services \$0  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$330,000  
Capital Outlays \$246,400  
Total 2023 Budget \$576,400

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**LUNCH**

**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Drug Free Community budget as follows:

Personal Services \$11,400  
Supplies \$1,600

Other Services & Charges \$39,000  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$52,000

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROJECT INCOME**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Community Corrections Project Income budget as follows:

Personal Services \$147,858  
Supplies \$16,000  
Other Services & Charges \$102,100  
Capital Outlays \$1,000  
Total 2023 Budget \$266,958

Councilman Donaldson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Community Corrections Grant budget as follows:

Personal Services \$222,855  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$222,855

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**SAHMSA DRUG COURT GRANT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 SAHMSA Drug Court budget as follows:

Personal Services \$136,414  
Supplies \$4,000  
Other Services & Charges \$255,086  
Capital Outlays \$4,500  
Total 2023 Budget \$400,000

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**PROBLEM SOLVING GRANT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 Problem Solving Grant budget as follows:

Personal Services \$0  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$8,000  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$8,000

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.



### **2021 DOC GRANT-CRRP**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2023 DOC Grant-CRRP budget as follows:

Personal Services \$74,236  
Supplies \$400  
Other Services & Charges \$71,800  
Capital Outlays \$1,500  
Total 2023 Budget \$147,536

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CEDIT**

Commissioner Weaver requested the Council revisit CEDIT to add the Peru Library back into the budget. Commissioner Weaver noted this is the only budget that gives back to the county residents and offers many valuable programs. Councilman Wood feels he would rather spend the money on services and have the Council consider the funding for the Prosecutor rather than library cards. Commissioner Weaver the children of the county are the next generation of taxpayers and the programs and services are what brings the children to the library. Councilwoman Chittum agrees with Commissioner Weaver and appreciates the support, however the restrictions the Library places on the cards is what is holding the Council back from moving forward with the contribution. President Duckwall stated he is not happy with the program as it is now and has told the Library they need to explore other ways to raise money, but have done nothing more. President Duckwall encouraged Commissioner Weaver to lead the charge in helping the Library raise funds to benefit all county residents. Councilman Donaldson stated the handouts need to end, the county cannot raise taxes to help entities and it has to end somewhere. Councilman Donaldson and Councilman Wood encouraged the Council to consider offering the funding to the Prosecutor to help hire the additional Deputy Prosecutor.

### **PROSECUTOR**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to amend and approve the 2023 Prosecutor budget as follows:

Personal Services \$183,444  
Supplies \$0  
Other Services & Charges \$0  
Capital Outlays \$4,350  
Total 2023 Budget \$187,794

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **IV-D CHILD SUPPORT**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to amend and approve the 2023 IV-D Child Support budget as follows:

Personal Services \$241,440  
Supplies \$2,500  
Other Services & Charges \$5,500  
Capital Outlays \$0  
Total 2023 Budget \$249,440

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Auditor Brown recommended moving \$100,000 from the Board of Commissioners insurance to CEDIT Shares to help cover the addition of the Deputy Prosecutor. Councilman Nutt stated he would like to see the state do something to help offset the cost of the additional Prosecutor.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/RAISES**

Councilwoman Chittum requested to consider raises of \$5,500 for 35-hour employees and \$6,282 for 40-hour employees as recommended by Auditor Brown for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2023 budgets. Councilwoman Chittum would like to see an added adjustment of \$5,000 for Auditor Brown for the grant administration. Auditor Brown stated she would offer some of the proposed adjustment with her Chief Deputy, Mary Betzner because of the amount of work that is required to prep and calculate all the tax bills, manage settlement and distribution of tax funds and also helping with the yearly grant reporting. Auditor Brown also recommended adjusting the pay for the Chief Deputy Treasurer by \$1,536 a year as the position currently makes a little less than the Chief Deputy Recorder and the level of responsibility is much different. The Council also discussed not offering raises to the Board of Commissioners, Council and 2 employees of the Sheriff’s Department as recommended by Sheriff Hunter. The Council also discussed part-time wages and the amount to award to the Coroner Assistant and Weights and Measures.

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to award raises of \$5,500 for 35-hour employees and \$6,282 for 40-hour employees as recommended by Auditor Brown for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2023 budgets, the adjustment for Auditor Brown of \$3,000 for grant administration, \$2,000 for the Chief Deputy Auditor, \$1,526 for the Chief Deputy Treasurer and \$1,000 increase for the Coroner Assistant and Weights and Measures. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/LONGEVITY**

Auditor Brown recommended increasing the Longevity to cap at \$1,200 instead of \$850 effective in 2022 and instead of \$50 increments, it would change to \$100 increments starting at year 10. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the change in Longevity to cap at \$1,200 instead of \$850 effective in 2022 and instead of \$50 increments, it would change to \$100 increments starting at year 10. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion ad it passed 7-0.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/PART-TIME RATE**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to increase the part-time by \$2.00 except the Soil & Water Technician, whose rate will remain the same at the recommendation of the Soil & Water Board. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/MILEAGE**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to set mileage at .50 per mile. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COUNTY HIGHWAY HOURLY RATES**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to set the Highway hourly rates as follows:

Foreman	\$24.58
Asst. Foreman	\$22.97
Equipment Operator	\$22.44
Truck Driver	\$21.37
Head Mechanic	\$24.31
Mechanic	\$23.24
Common Labor	\$13.50
Sign Man	\$22.97
Clerk Part-Time	\$16.50
Summer Help	\$13.50
Bridge Construction Crew	\$22.97
Bridge Construction Crew Part-Time	\$22.00

Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Budget hearings will stand in recess until 9/1/2022.

Respectfully submitted

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Miami County Auditor