

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
2024 Budget Hearing Day 3-2nd Reading
August 31, 2023

President Chittum– Present
Councilman Donaldson – Present
Councilman Allen – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilman Sailors – Present
Councilman Nutt – Present
Councilman Fruth - Present

President Chittum called the meeting back in session from recess.

SOLID WASTE

Due to an advertising error, the Council could not perform 1st reading of the Solid Waste budget. The Council asked Solid Waste Director, Jenny Gatliff to discuss Solid Waste and changes that have been happening at the district since she took over. Jenny Gatliff, Solid Waste Director updated the Council on what is happening at the district. Director Gatliff the district had to terminate their contract with the company who provided bins out in the county, due to some issues with the City of Peru and not cleaning up their facility. Director Gatliff explained they have entered into a contract with a new company, but will reduce the bin locations due to cost. Currently, citizen can take recycles to the district after hours and they hope to have bins at all 3 schools and Erie in the next few weeks. Director Gatliff went on to note the district approved to eliminate the beautification days to add a 4th position. Director Gatliff stated with the changes at the district and added responsibilities, it is necessary to add the position. Director Gatliff explained it had been a challenging year, but good and hopes the district will have a great 2024. The district continues to work to streamline services and find ways to improve programs while keeping costs low. The goal for the district is to have more bins in the county and take more items they cannot take now. Director Gatliff stated the public has been attending more meetings and seeking more education on the programs offered and have been very understanding with the changes.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

President Chittum asked the Council to reconsider adding the funding for Judge Winkler back to the 2024 budget. Councilman Donaldson noted the same was to be done when Judge Spahr and Judge Grund leave and a new judge comes in. President Chittum would like for it to be in writing how to proceed if the majority of the Council wants to remove the stipend. Councilman Allen feels the Council needs to start the process of removing the stipend sometime. Councilman Donaldson expressed concern over adding the stipend back and other

departments are not able to add part-time employees back to full-time status. Commissioner Brenda Weaver feels the stipend should be added back to the budget as an appreciation to Judge Winkler, otherwise it is a slap in the face to leave it out. Councilman Donaldson noted the Council has discussed the stipend for years, probably because no one ever brought it up before when judges changed. Councilman Wiles stated he has been adamantly against giving the stipend for years, but when reflecting, could not come up with a valid reason why he felt as he did, especially because the Council has left supplemental wages in for Deputy Prosecutors. Councilman Wiles said he is reconsidering his stance. Councilman Nutt agreed with Councilman Wiles and questioned the same thing and did not feel he could adequately answer why he was against it other than to save money now and in the future. Councilman Nutt did not feel that he had a valid argument as to why he wanted to take the stipend away. Councilman Donaldson feels the judges are paid very well and \$5,000 is not going to hurt them financially. Councilman Fruth feels it is considered a thank you form the county for the work, not as much about the income it provides to the judges. Councilman Fruth made a motion to add the \$5,000 back to Superior Court II for Judge Winkler's stipend. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Donaldson and Allen opposed).

BOARDS, MILEAGE, PART-TIME, ETC.

Longevity (1ST READING)-Councilman Sailors made a motion to approve longevity as follows: Minimum \$200.00 Maximum \$1200.00 *According to the Personnel Policy. Councilman Fruth 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

2024 RAISES

President Chittum announced the Council approved to award raises for 2024 of a flat increase for full-time 35-hour employees of \$5,500 and for full-time 40-hour employees \$6,282 (\$3.02 per hour), excluding the Matron and \$2.00 per hour for part-time.

President Chittum presented the following totals for the 2024 budgets for approval for County General.

| 2024 Budgets with proposed raises | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | Department | Personal Services | Supplies | Other Services & Charges | Capital Improvements | Total |
| 1 | Clerk of Circuit Court | \$283,651 | \$3,500 | \$8,000 | \$0 | \$295,151 |
| 2 | Clerk of Superior Court I & II | \$175,424 | \$2,500 | \$500 | \$0 | \$178,424 |
| 3 | Clerk of Election | \$59,400 | \$9,000 | \$79,100 | \$0 | \$147,500 |
| 4 | Clerk of Voter Registration | \$43,808 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$43,808 |
| 5 | Auditor | \$237,123 | \$0 | \$2,800 | \$0 | \$239,923 |
| 6 | Treasurer | \$105,680 | \$7,150 | \$30,350 | \$1,000 | \$144,180 |
| 7 | Recorder | \$101,401 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$101,401 |
| 8 | Sheriff | \$1,528,459 | \$222,900 | \$107,800 | \$260,000 | \$2,119,159 |
| 9 | Jail | \$1,595,158 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,595,158 |
| 10 | Surveyor | \$74,192 | \$2,900 | \$3,100 | \$100 | \$80,292 |
| 11 | Drainage Board | \$6,100 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,100 |
| 12 | Extension Office | \$59,447 | \$0 | \$61,240 | \$0 | \$120,687 |
| 13 | Coroner | \$142,200 | \$2,250 | \$4,167 | \$0 | \$148,617 |
| 14 | Assessor | \$59,070 | \$2,500 | \$3,700 | \$0 | \$65,270 |
| 17 | Prosecutor | \$235,694 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,350 | \$240,044 |
| 18 | IV-D Child Support | \$293,690 | \$2,500 | \$5,500 | \$0 | \$301,690 |
| 19 | Circuit Court | \$142,861 | \$0 | \$11,200 | \$11,500 | \$165,561 |
| 20 | Superior Court | \$143,561 | \$0 | \$11,900 | \$10,000 | \$165,461 |
| 21 | Probation | \$473,987 | \$1,500 | \$6,789 | \$2,500 | \$484,776 |
| 22 | Court House | \$121,126 | \$0 | \$205,900 | \$0 | \$327,026 |
| 23 | Planning Commission | \$145,332 | \$0 | \$32,750 | \$8,880 | \$186,962 |
| 24 | Veterans Administration | \$47,200 | \$3,000 | \$3,149 | \$0 | \$53,349 |
| 26 | EMA | \$52,921 | \$2,000 | \$44,850 | \$10,000 | \$109,771 |
| 27 | Weights & Measures | \$16,098 | \$200 | \$1,188 | \$0 | \$17,486 |
| 28 | Soil & Water | \$53,820 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$53,820 |
| 29 | Commissioners | \$3,368,078 | \$40,000 | \$712,621 | \$433,798 | \$4,554,497 |
| 30 | County Council | \$94,453 | \$0 | \$1,650 | \$0 | \$96,103 |
| 32 | CASA | \$96,348 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$96,348 |
| 33 | Public Defenders | \$723,883 | \$1,500 | \$77,500 | \$2,500 | \$805,383 |
| 34 | Superior Court 2 | \$140,461 | \$0 | \$13,200 | \$9,000 | \$162,661 |
| | | | | | Total County General | \$13,106,608 |

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the 2024 budget amounts listed for County General. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

President Chittum presented the following totals for the 2024 budgets for approval for all other funds.

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|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1104 | User Fee Drug & Alcohol | \$30,413 | \$1,894 | \$500 | \$0 | \$32,807 |
| 1112 | LIT - Economic Development | \$0 | \$0 | \$752,915 | \$0 | \$752,915 |
| 1112 | LIT - Certified Shares | \$0 | \$0 | \$480,000 | \$321,302 | \$801,302 |
| 1114 | LIT - Special Purpose | \$0 | \$10,000 | \$312,000 | \$0 | \$322,000 |
| 1119 | Clerk's Record Perpetuation | \$21,530 | \$4,200 | \$2,100 | \$0 | \$27,830 |
| 1122 | Community Corrections | \$108,714 | \$16,500 | \$103,100 | \$2,000 | \$230,314 |
| 1131 | Sales Disclosure - County Share | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$3,000 |
| 1135 | Cum Bridge | \$101,243 | \$38,534 | \$289,086 | \$0 | \$428,863 |
| 1140 | Cum Courthouse | \$0 | \$0 | \$340,000 | \$143,000 | \$483,000 |
| 1148 | Drug Free Community | \$10,350 | \$2,650 | \$46,422 | \$0 | \$59,422 |
| 1154 | Enhanced Access Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$23,000 | \$0 | \$23,000 |
| 1159/215 | Health | \$298,851 | \$30,600 | \$44,486 | \$800 | \$374,737 |
| 1160 | ID Security Protection | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,500 | \$0 | \$7,500 |
| 1161 | GPHC Funding | \$156,767 | \$32,700 | \$247,150 | \$44,903 | \$481,520 |
| 1164 | Jury Fees | \$0 | \$500 | \$32,000 | \$0 | \$32,500 |
| 1168 | Local Health Maintenance | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 1169 | Local Road & Street | \$0 | \$255,000 | \$0 | \$265,000 | \$520,000 |
| 1170 | LIT Public Safety - County Share | \$291,563 | \$78,499 | \$465,780 | \$0 | \$835,842 |
| 1173 | MVH Restricted | \$0 | \$1,805,000 | \$40,000 | \$250,000 | \$2,095,000 |
| 1175 | Misdemeanant | \$23,813 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$23,813 |
| 1176/201 | Motor Vehicle Highway Phase I | \$202,996 | \$700 | \$7,450 | \$3,000 | \$214,146 |
| 1176/202 | Motor Vehicle Highway Phase II | \$1,475,286 | \$36,000 | \$102,520 | \$0 | \$1,613,806 |
| 1176/203 | Motor Vehicle Highway Phase III | \$165,860 | \$393,000 | \$172,000 | \$195,000 | \$925,860 |
| 1181 | Plat Book | \$0 | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$0 | \$15,000 |
| 1189 | Recorder's Records Perpetuation | \$26,913 | \$0 | \$65,350 | \$0 | \$92,263 |
| 1200 | Supplemental Public Defender Svcs | \$21,971 | \$0 | \$15,993 | \$0 | \$37,964 |
| 1202 | Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$15,000 | \$16,500 |
| 1216 | Auditor's Ineligible Deductions | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$8,000 |
| 1217 | County Elected Officials Training | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| 1222 | Statewide E-911 | \$757,562 | \$5,000 | \$154,225 | \$11,700 | \$928,487 |
| 1224 | Reassessment | \$154,230 | \$700 | \$49,761 | \$159,186 | \$363,877 |
| 1237 | Opioid Restricted | \$30,765 | \$9,300 | \$22,000 | \$0 | \$62,065 |
| 1238 | Opioid Unrestricted | \$30,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$30,000 |
| 2000 | Adult Probation Admin | \$17,828 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$17,828 |
| 2001 | Adult Probation | \$64,492 | \$1,486 | \$41,130 | \$0 | \$107,108 |
| 2050 | Juvenile Probation | \$10,817 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,817 |
| 2501 | Users Fee Fund | \$15,409 | \$1,150 | \$25,500 | \$0 | \$42,059 |
| 4940 | Local Source E911 Funding | \$92,960 | \$5,067 | \$20,300 | \$0 | \$118,327 |
| 4957 | Miami County Wheel Tax/Surtax | \$0 | \$625,000 | \$0 | \$250,000 | \$875,000 |
| 4959 | Drug Court User Fees | \$0 | \$4,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,000 |
| 8114 | Local Emergency Planning & RTK | \$2,265 | \$0 | \$13,500 | \$0 | \$15,765 |
| 8121 | Victims Advocate | \$44,820 | \$167 | \$2,686 | \$0 | \$47,673 |
| 8166 | Lead Grant | \$0 | \$3,497 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,497 |
| 9113 | Soil & Water Grant | \$29,850 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$29,850 |
| 9135 | Comm Corrections Grant | \$318,491 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$318,491 |
| 9138 | IN DOC Probation Grant | \$139,714 | \$1,750 | \$4,165 | \$0 | \$145,629 |
| 9143 | Drug Court Grant | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 9144 | SAHMSA Drug Court Grant | \$109,200 | \$4,000 | \$255,086 | \$4,500 | \$372,786 |
| 9146 | Problem Solving Grant | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,037 | \$0 | \$4,037 |
| 9148 | 2021 DOC Grant-CRRP | \$74,238 | \$71,800 | \$0 | \$0 | \$146,038 |
| 9152 | Justice Partners Addiction Grant | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 9160 | Health Preparedness Grant | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 9162 | Probation Service Dog Grant | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$0 | \$1,500 |
| 9163 | Probation Incentives Grant | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,000 | \$0 | \$6,000 |
| 9169 | School Liaison Grant | \$35,187 | \$53,464 | \$63,000 | \$20,000 | \$171,651 |
| 9177 | 2023 Preparedness Grant | \$16,639 | \$4,123 | \$0 | \$4,238 | \$25,000 |
| | | | | | Total Other Funds | \$14,316,389 |

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the 2024 budget amounts listed for all other funds. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

BOARDS, MILEAGE, PART-TIME, ETC.

President Chittum read the 2024 amounts for boards, mileage, part-time, etc.

LONGEVITY

Minimum \$200 Maximum \$1200, according to the Personnel Policy.

PART-TIME

\$13.50 per hour, unless otherwise stated in the Salary Ordinance.

MILEAGE-.655 per mile.

CELL PHONE STIPEND-\$40.00 per month for qualifying Elected Officials and Department Heads.

BOARDS:

- Sheriff Merit \$37.00
- Health \$50.00
- Zoning \$30.00
- PTABOA Review \$100.00
- L.E.P.C. \$20.00
- Drainage \$50.00
- Public Defender \$50.00
- Deputy Coroner Autopsy Stipend \$100.00 per trip
- Sheriff Extra Road Deputy \$80.00 per day
- Jail Part-Time Cook \$80.00 per day
- Jail Part-Time Communicator \$80.00 per day
- Soil Conservation Tech \$15.00
- Soil Conservation Tech II \$13.00

HIGHWAY HOURLY RATES:

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| Foreman | \$27.60 |
| Asst. Foreman | \$25.99 |
| Equipment Operator | \$25.46 |
| Truck Driver | \$24.39 |
| Head Mechanic | \$27.33 |
| Mechanic | \$26.26 |
| Common Labor | \$17.70 |
| Sign Man | \$25.99 |
| Clerk Part-Time | \$19.68 |
| Summer Help | \$17.70 |
| Bridge Construction Crew | \$25.99 |
| Bridge Construction Crew Part-Time | \$25.68 |

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the boards, mileage, part-time, etc. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and passed 7-0.

Councilman Fruth made a motion to adjourn the 2024 budget hearings.
Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown
Miami County Auditor