

# Miami County Council Meeting

September 16, 2025

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## Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 09-16-25 7:00 pm
- Location: GAR room
- Attendees:
  - President Chittum – Present
  - Councilman Wiles – Present
  - Councilman Fruth – Present
  - Councilman Sailors – Present
  - Councilman Nutt – Present
  - Councilman Allen – Present
  - Councilman Scott – Present
  - Annette Phillippo – Auditor

## Meeting Opening and Procedural Matters

President Chittum called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, at the Miami County Courthouse GAR Room. The meeting began with prayer by Councilman Saylor followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The previous minutes were presented for approval. Councilman Fruth made a motion to accept the August 19, 2025 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Sailors. Motion carried 7-0.

## Items for Council Action

Brooke Robertson, MCEA-

Evo Exhibits tax abatement request and approval

- The council considered and approved a resolution for a real estate tax abatement for Evo Exhibits; seven years at 60%, performance-based with annual compliance reporting.
- Expansion details: investment of \$398,000 to add a 12,000 square foot structure; they have increased their employees and need more room for storage, as well as large internal setup areas to assemble and test displays prior to trade shows.

Councilman Fruth made the motion to approve the request for a 7-year 60% tax abatement for EVO Exhibits. Seconded by Councilman Allen. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Request for Audience**

Kerry Worl & Janice Hughes, Highway Dept-

Highway Department update:

Repairs to Eel River Cemetery Road and 100 E should start October 27. MCEDA will pay back \$105,000 of the project to the County within 2 years.

Bridge project: A township bridge will be replaced with a 19-foot span concrete bridge, widened for safety. The latest estimate increased to \$710,000 per engineering firm; aiming to bid by December 8 and proceed with local funds to have a road-ready project for Community Crossings Matching Grant.

Wabash Road and Pawpaw Pike sequence: 3.29 miles of Wabash Road; targeted first for completion. Plan to use local match and, after usage shifts, redo Pawpaw Pike (1 mile). Traffic will be shifted to Wabash Road once completed, then Pawpaw Pike will be paved.

2027 projects and beyond: Bridge 46 (Meridian Road over the Eel River into Denver): planned Community Crossings application and likely use wheel tax depending on status. Bridge 165: federal aid project with expected award; letting dates in 2027 were noted. Additional bridge project in 2030: work is underway to advertise; expected amount pending as figures are still being developed.

**Councilman Fruth reminded the audience that budgets will be sent to the elected officials for review. The October meeting has been rescheduled to October 14<sup>th</sup> and the adoption hearing is on October 28<sup>th</sup>, both at 7:00 pm.**

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Nutt, Seconded by Councilman Fruth. Motion passed 7-0.

**Attested**

**Auditor Annette Phillippo**