

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
September 19, 2023

Councilwoman Chittum – Present
Councilman Fruth – Present
Councilman Donaldson – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilman Allen – Present
Councilman Sailors – Absent
Councilman Nutt – Present

President Chittum called the 1st reading for the 2024 Miami County Solid Waste budget with the Miami County Council to order. President Chittum reviewed the budget presented for 2024.

1. Personal Services	\$179,062
2. Supplies	\$17,350
3. Other Personal Services	\$355,050
4. Capital Outlays	\$18,500
Total budget for 2024	\$569,962

Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the 1st reading for the 2024 Miami County Solid Waste budget. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

President Chittum called the 2nd reading for the 2024 Miami County Solid Waste budget with the Miami County Council to order. President Chittum reviewed the budget presented for 2024.

1. Personal Services	\$179,062
2. Supplies	\$17,350
3. Other Personal Services	\$355,050
4. Capital Outlays	\$18,500
Total budget for 2024	\$569,962

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the 2nd reading for the 2024 Miami County Solid Waste budget. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Councilman Fruth made a motion to adjourn the 2024 budget hearing for Miami County Solid Waste. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

President Chittum called the regular meeting of the Miami County Council to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and President Chittum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the 2024 budget hearing minutes. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

President Chittum read the list of additional appropriations presented to the Council for approval as follows.

ARP	\$325,000	Courthouse Boiler Replacement
Rainy Day-CH Const	\$36,838	Balance due on Courthouse windows

President Chittum reviewed the request for \$325,000 from ARP for the boiler replacement at the Courthouse.

President Chittum reviewed the request for \$36,838 from Rainy Day/Courthouse Construction for the remaining balance due on the Courthouse windows.

President Chittum reviewed the request to transfer \$50,000 from Equipment/Building/Grounds to Equipment Repair to cover a shortfall.

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the additional appropriations and transfer request as presented. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

President Chittum presented Amendment #9 to the 2023 Salary Ordinance. The amendment to the 2023 Salary Ordinance updates the cell phone stipend for qualifying Elected Officials and Department Heads. Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve Amendment #9 to the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Corey Roser, Plan Commission Administrator presented the update Plan Commission fee schedule under Resolution 9/19/23. Administrator Roser explained the schedule eliminates alteration/repair to multi family dwelling, demo of detached accessory structure and garage sale permits. The updated fee schedule changes the demo or a residential structure to \$50 and a commercial shell permit to \$300. Administrator Roser noted when he started, the fee

schedule had not been updated for 27 years and this, according to the county attorney allows the county to recoup for their time and not to generate income.

MIAMI COUNTY, COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 9/19/2023

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MIAMI COUNTY FEE SCHEDULES

The Miami County Plan Commission and the Board of Commissioners of Miami County are recommending adoption of the attached fee schedule.

The County Council, being duly advised, finds that the fee schedule should be adopted as recommended.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. The attached fee schedule is now adopted.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2023.

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jane Chute
Boyer
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John P. ...
[Signature]
Dick ...

Attest:

Mary Brown
Mary Brown, Miami County Auditor

THIS DOCUMENT PREPARED

BY: Corey Roser
Corey Roser, Planning & Zoning Administrator

"I AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT I HAVE TAKEN REASONABLE CARE TO REDACT EACH SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN THIS DOCUMENT, UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW"

NAME: Corey Roser
Corey Roser, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve Resolution 9/19/23 update the Plan Commission fee schedule as presented. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

President Chittum stated she and Anna Pohlman, Museum Curator went before the Board of Commissioners to request consideration to reinstate the \$10,000 in funding that was cut from the budget several years ago. President Chittum noted no reason was found as to why it was removed. The Board of Commissioners supported the request and gave approval for the Museum to go before the Council to make the request to add it back to the CEDIT budget for 2024. Councilman Nutt made a motion to approve reinstating the funding of \$10,000 for the Museum in the 2024 CEDIT budget. Councilman Fruth 2nd the motion. The motion failed in vote of 1-5 (Wiles, Fruth, Nutt, Allen and Donaldson opposed).

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

Courtney Schmidt, Purdue Extension and Greg Hunt, 4H Board President came before the Council to request reconsideration of moving the current part-time Secretary to full-time for 2024. Extension Agent Schmidt noted the part-time Secretary is currently used more as a Program Assistant, but would continue to do administrative duties. Extension Agent Schmidt went on to explain the Extension Office has full staff with Educators, but there are many other areas where they would like to grow within the community, but are unable to do it without help. Greg Hunt noted that not only does he serve on the board, but he is also a volunteer and parent for many years. Throughout his time serving in all the capacities, there were periods of turmoil. Over the last few years the relationship with the Purdue Extension Office has improved drastically. Mr. Hunt stated the staff is skilled and work with the 4H board efficiently and have many great ideas to grow the program. The addition of the position would be beneficial to the 4H families. Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve moving the part-time Secretary to full-time for 2024. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

PROPEL US 31

Cassidy Hunter, Dan Miller & Alex Lee with Propel US 31 and Jonathon Wallace with INDOT all came to present information on the plan for US 31 and the current north and south study going on. Ms. Hunter explained the Study Team has been actively communicating with the public to obtain feedback on the upgrades to US 31. The study looks at alternatives and to construction options. Ms. Hunter noted 6 public meetings with schools, EMS, law enforcement, etc. to obtain information and meet residents. The main focus is access, public safety & travel along the corridor. Ms. Hunter went on to explain the study is in the process of screening the alternatives. The public is encouraged to submit comments either in writing or online. All information is online for review, including comments that have been submitted. Ms. Kennedy noted INDOT is looking for more feedback/alternatives that can be considered. Mr. Miller stated he and Ms. Kennedy have been attending several festivals over the summer and hold 2 meetings per month

within the community to provide updates and be available for questions and comments.

GUARDIANSHIP ADVOCATES

Linda Johnson, Guardians Advocates came before the Council to provide an update on the program. Ms. Johnson noted the program has been around for 7 years and currently serves 5 counties, which provides guardianship for seniors and incapacitated adults who are indigent or without the support of suitable family members. Ms. Johnson thanked the county for their continued financial support of \$5,000.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilman Fruth made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown
Miami County Auditor