

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
May 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Stephenson who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It is noted that all members are present.

A motion was made by Councilman York to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Robertson and passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

COUNTY ROAD 400 South to 300 East/ Mississinewa Road

The Council reviewed the budget for CEDIT to make the determination if the \$90,000 requested by the Highway Department is appropriate.

The request is for the chip and sealing of the Mississinewa Road. Commissioner Deeds told the Council that the Commissioners had told the residents that they would chip and seal it last year, but because of the price of fuel it was cut from the schedule. The Board of Commissioners does support the project.

Wayde Ames told those in attendance that with the Peru Tribune, The Fort Wayne newspapers, and the Chamber of Commerce bringing attention to the fact that 7 pillars has Bald Eagles nesting, the tourism has greatly increased on that road. He feels with this tourism aspect it is very appropriate to use CEDIT funds.

Councilman York asked how much was in the budget last year for this project. Mr. Waltz, Highway Supervisor, said there was \$90,000 but \$84,000 was ate up by the cost of oil.

Mr. Ames also said that the residents use to pay for extra dust control for the road but have not done that recently.

Mr. Waltz said a traffic survey for speed limits would be conducted after the chip and seal project is completed.

A motion was made by Councilman York to approve the additional appropriation. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Click. The motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSIONS

VSO VAN

Council President Stephenson, asked the Commissioners about the status of the VSO van that was wrecked. Commissioner Deeds said it was totaled but since the Van is from the

Federal Government one cannot be ordered until October. Mr. Stephenson wanted it on record that if the County needs to help fund the Van he is in favor of it. Commissioner Deeds explained that the VSO officer wanted to give some of the local Veterans Organizations the opportunity to participate in the funding before he asks for assistance from the County.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Waltz would like to know why we cannot give recognition for employees with 20 years of service. The Auditor explained that previously the State had said they could not, but would check into the status of that law today

MCEDA/SUPOTA CHEESE

Jim Tidd informed the Council that when the announcement was made by Supota that they were closing, several factories notified them that they had slots available for their workers. Mr. Tidd and the Council thought that was very commendable.

AIC BUDGET AND FINANCE CLASSES

Councilman Click attended a Budget and Finance meeting in Indianapolis and reported on the Circuit Breaker exemption that will be in effect in 2007 and completed in 2010. He said an example would be if you had a \$100,000 AV and usually paid \$3,000 in taxes. When this kicks in the maximum taxes will be 2% of the total assessment, which will be \$2,000. There is nothing in place for the off set the missing \$1,000 of revenue to the Counties. He also stated that the budget process over the next couple of years will be difficult because they must be looking at cuts.

DUKES HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

Jim York reported that he had attended the recent meeting of the Dukes Health Care Foundation. The Foundation has placed Blair Ridge on a listing agreement with a Corporation for 6 months to market it for sale. The price they are asking for the property is \$3.8 Million.

Councilman Cook made a motion to adjourn. The motion was 2nd by Councilperson Mull and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weaver, Auditor