

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
February 16, 2016

Councilman Manning – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Present
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Manning introduced Chris Lee from Congresswoman Jackie Wolorski's office and asked him to say a few words. Mr. Lee informed the group that he is at the Mayor's office the 4th Thursday of every month. If anyone has any concerns or needs help with any federal issues they can stop in and speak with him. He also advised the Council that he is available to help with grant writing.

MINUTES

Councilman Boyer made a motion to accept the 01/12/16 minutes. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

Riverboat - \$206,656

Commissioner Francis informed the Council that this is for the new 9-1-1 equipment that they discussed at the last meeting. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

E9-1-1 - \$3,000

Commissioner Francis explained that the last 9-1-1 Director left last April and Molly Grant stepped up as interim Director until it was turned over to the Sheriff January 1, 2016. The Commissioners had agreed to pay her a one time stipend of \$3,000 for running the center for those 8 months and it didn't get done so they are asking for the appropriation to cover that. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

None

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

Jim Tidd, Director of MCEDA introduced Adam Hunt, Fair Board, to speak about the request from the Fair Board. The MCEDA Board met with them and they are supportive of their request.

Mr. Hunt gave his appreciation for the opportunity to come before the Council. He presented each Council member with handouts explaining the projects they are planning, the estimated cost of the projects, the amount of money they have already raised, and the economic impact they anticipate.

The projects include:

- a) new grandstands from Daytona International Speedway
- b) Track: new fencing, bathrooms and other improvements
- c) Campground expansion
- d) Community Building: new roof, carpet and tile
- e) Electrical upgrades
- f) Asphalt resurfacing
- e) New horse barn
- f) Animal barn improvements: new swine barn

The total cost of these projects is \$1,000,000 and they have a strategic plan to accomplish them. The plan covers a period of three years. They are requesting a total of \$300,000 (\$100,000 a year for three years).

Mr. Hunt introduced three young adults who have participated in the activities that is offered through the 4H program. Alyson Braden, Olivia Kuhn and Casey Eames spoke about the activities they have participated in. They spoke about what those programs meant to them and they affected each of their lives.

The 4H Fairgrounds has activities all through the year not just the one week of the fair and it touches the lives of many people not just young people. The campgrounds for instance, hosted

the Good Sam's club the fall of 2014 and provided them a list of things to see and do right here in Miami County as well as a list of restaurants to eat at. The track also brings in many spectators, which adds to economic impact for Miami County. The need for the new grandstands is to ensure the safety of the spectators.

Councilman Boyer commended the 4H Board for being self-sustaining. He comes from Ohio and their Fairgrounds are supported by taxes. Councilman Boyer believes in the 4H programs and the opportunities they offer and is in support of the County helping.

Councilwoman Mull asked where the additional campsites will be located. The campsites will be on the South East side of the fairgrounds.

Councilman Wood asked about the time line. Mr. Hunt explained it will cover a three year period, giving them time to raise the money needed. The Fair Board has already spent over \$90,000 of money raised for these projects.

Commissioner Francis stated that the Board of Commissioners heard the presentation at their meeting this morning and are in support of it.

Mr. Tidd will get will get with the Auditor to get it advertised for the next meeting.

In an update for the Shell building, Mr. Tidd stated the soil samples were completed. The samples came back a little loose and as compactable as they would like. The effect of that would be that they would need to widen the foundation but that should not affect the cost of the project.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Phillip Phillippo stated that he applauds the three young people who spoke on behalf of the 4H program. He was impressed with their presentation and the manner in which they presented it.

Councilwoman Mull also commented that she thought the way they presented it was neat.

Councilman Manning made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor