

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
March 4, 2019

Commissioner Hunt called the meeting to order. All Commissioners are present.

**HIGHWAY ENGINEER**

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer came before the board to present an LPA claim #38 for pre-construction engineering services of \$130.81. Commissioner West made a motion to approve LPA claim #38 for \$130.81. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Engineer Einselen advised the board that he would be attending road school later this week.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 2/25/19 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**IT**

Jim Deniston, Intrasect came before the board to present quotes for 2 refurbished computers for the Veteran's Service Office. Mr. Deniston explained that VSO Jay Kendall needed new computers as his are old and out of warranty. The board approved at their last meeting to have IT reuse the computers that the judges used to have for the Veteran's Office. Mr. Deniston noted that the cost to wiping out the old computers and setting up for the Veteran's Office would cost \$840.00 and not have a warranty. Mr. Deniston stated that he could purchase new computers, with warranties through the State QPA for \$1,718.00, but could take anywhere from 3 weeks to 3 months to get them. Commissioner West made a motion to approve up to \$1,718 for 2 new computers for the Veteran's Office and if we would not receive in a timely manner purchase outside the State QPA. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Deniston explained the State forced CASA to go on the new Odyssey program, but not given new computers like those that they did for the other departments that made the switch. Mr. Deniston presented a quote for \$2,442.00 for CASA, which includes new monitors and could try to purchase through the State QPA. Commissioner West made a motion to approve up to \$2,442.00 for 2 new computers and monitors for CASA and if we would not receive in a timely manner purchase outside the State QPA. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Deniston presented to the board a quote for Spillman server migration for \$8,736.00. Mr. Deniston explained that when the server were purchased in 2014, did not include maintenance on the redundant servers, causing a critical issue if the motherboard goes out. Mr. Deniston stated that the county has the infrastructure and this would be to migrate the data from the old to new server, which is saving the county money in not replacing the entire infrastructure. Captain Dave Vitek explained that Spillman met with Sheriff Hunter, Jim Deniston and himself recently and he expressed his displeasure with Spillman. Captain Vitek advised Spillman some of their programs and services worked well, but parts of the project that fell short based on what Spillman told the county they would get. Captain Vitek stated that in 2012, Spillman promised the county a Cadillac System at a Chevy price and feels they failed to deliver. Captain Vitek went on to note that Intrasect is doing the bulk of the work on the system, when Spillman should have been responsible. Mr. Deniston stated that normally, Intrasect would have a separate charge to perform the migration, but because it is so critical, they have agreed to waive the fee. Mr. Deniston noted that the project could not wait due to the serious risk it presents if it defaulted. Captain Vitek expressed his frustration with Spillman and the \$55,000.00 per year maintenance agreement and they wanted an additional \$35,000 for

the new server and the additional \$8,000.00 per year for the maintenance agreement on it. Captain Vitek stated that the program does not work correctly or transfer data correctly as told would happen when sold to the county. Sheriff Hunter noted that in addition, there was additional training Spillman was to offer they have not fulfilled. Commissioner West suggested the county look at the contract with Spillman to make sure they are upholding their part of the agreement. Mr. Deniston did note that there was conversation regarding Peru City helping to pay towards the cost of the migration as they use the system. Mr. Deniston will contact Peru City and see if they would be willing to contribute 40% to the cost. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request for \$8,736.00 for the Spillman data migration. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **VOTE CENTER**

Mary Kay Jones, Voter Registration came before the board to request approval for the Courthouse, Area 5 and Parkview United Methodist as vote centers for the 2019 City election. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request for vote centers as presented. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **HIGHWAY**

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent presented to the board the proposed Mailbox Damage Protection Plan below:

#### Miami County Highway Department Mailbox Damage Protection Plan

Homeowners can take steps to help protect their mailbox from snow plowing operations. Heavy wet snow can often knock mailboxes down, particularly those which are not in good repair. Below are a list of helpful preventions.

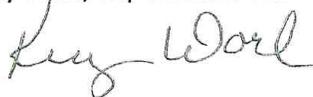
- Inspect your mailbox. Make sure it is firmly supported in the ground and check for deteriorated wooden post and rusted metal posts.
- Check the mounts for rust and wear. Make sure mailboxes are securely mounted.
- Place a 6 to 8-inch piece of reflective tape on the mailbox to help see it at night.
- Avoid plastic mailboxes, they have a tendency to shatter in cold weather.
- If your mailbox continues to get knocked down, you may want to consider changing the location of the mailbox. Sometimes moving the mailbox a few feet in either direction can help.

The Miami County Highway Department will replace a mailbox if we find evidence, indicating the snow plowed path was in direct line of mailbox physically hit by plow or truck.

Date: 3/4/19

Miami County Highway Department

Kerry Worl, Superintendent



Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the Miami County Highway Department Protection Plan as presented. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **HIGHWAY GARAGE PROJECT**

Commissioner Musselman stated that he had been out to the Highway Garage and found the lines for the heated floor are about 2 feet from the wall. When Commissioner

Musselman spoke to the General Manager at the site, he was told that they were aware of the issue and suggested they install a guardrail around the pipes to keep the trucks from potentially hitting them as they pull in to the bay. Commissioner Musselman stated that for \$6 million dollars the county should not agree to a guardrail to protect the pipes, did not feel that the guardrail is an acceptable answer and should be fixed correctly. Auditor Brown stated she is concerned about spending \$6 million dollars on the project and agreed the guardrail is not an acceptable answer. The guardrail could dictate how a driver has to pull in and it could still create a potential larger issue if a truck hit the guardrail, which would be at the county's expense to correct in the future. Auditor Brown went on to note that we are responsible for the project and it is naïve of anyone to think that anyone is looking out for the best interests of the county, other than ourselves. Commissioner West does not feel that there would be an issue with the trucks as they pull in if the guardrail was installed. Commissioner Musselman noted that most in the meeting would agree that if we hired the work personally, we would not agree that a guardrail is the right answer. Commissioner Musselman noted that the construction company admitted they missed the target on the pipes and he is not sure how the contractor could fix the issue, but he is of the mind-set that if they need to tear up the floor then it needs to be done and at the expense of the contractor. Commissioner Musselman also feels that the county needs to hire someone who can read blueprints and understands the construction process to do the final walk-thru before the keys are handed over and the county agrees to take possession. Auditor Brown agreed and the county needs to find the money to be able to pay to contract with. Auditor Brown went on to state that she was given a name of someone locally who may be interested in doing the work, but would need to contact them for further information that she could then bring back to the board for review. Commissioner Musselman is highly in favor of finding someone to hire to do the work.

Sheriff Hunter and Jim Deniston presented to the board suggestions of where cameras could be placed on the exterior of the Highway Garage. Sheriff Hunter noted that he only looked at the exterior of the building for possible placements and did not address the interior. Sheriff Hunter and Mr. Deniston recommended 12 exterior cameras around the building and told the board they could strike or add to the recommendation. Sheriff Hunter noted that whatever placement they decide, there should be crisscrossing of angles because they ran into a similar issue with the jail. Sheriff Hunter and Mr. Denison stated that there is a matter of preference for the fuel island as to how the cameras are aimed or how many are used. Sheriff Hunter explained that if the board ensures the cameras are able to hit multiple points of view, it might eliminate the number of cameras needed. Sheriff Hunter and Mr. Deniston stated that the board would need to decide what would be best for coverage of the interior cameras. Mr. Deniston stated that initially, the request was for 1 camera in the lobby and 2 at the tool crib/parts area.

Commissioner Hunt asked if RQAW is paying for any of the camera system. Mr. Deniston stated when he went back to RQAW about the cameras, he was told that RQAW accounted for the camera at the entrance and 2 in the shop, but they only ran the conduit, none of the wiring was included, although Mr. Deniston thought it was to be included. Mr. Deniston also shared the county would need to determine the video retention, with cost determined by the length of time the county chooses to retain footage. The county could request retention from 6 months to 30 days for retention, but all depends on costs. Mr. Deniston does not have a quote for the purchase and installation of the 15 total cameras, as he and Sheriff Hunter were only asked to look at the amount of cameras potentially needed. In addition, there will be directional boring, category 6 wire installation and telephone installation fees that were also not part of the contract. Mr. Deniston explained that the directional boring would be used to tie into the Sheriff's Office via the fiber line already placed by Peru Utilities. It would eliminate the need to run Comcast out to the new building. Sheriff Hunter noted that the issue with directional boring, installation of wires, the cameras, etc. should have been brought up early on to figure out and now, the county is facing additional costs to the project. Sheriff Hunter stated that it has to be done, but not to be in a hurry and instead, make sure the county thinks of all absolute areas that have to be considered to not find out these kinds of surprises later on.

Commissioner Hunt asked if there were plans to move the radio repeater. Mr. Deniston confirmed it was not part of the project. Sheriff Hunter noted that the county would have to look at change tower locations and would have to require an update to the license with the FCC. Commissioner Hunt noted that it was suggested to him to see about placing the repeater tower on top of the feed-mill. Sheriff Hunter and Mr. Deniston both reiterated that any change requires updates with the FCC and suggested finding a contractor to help the county work through the changes. Mr. Deniston suggested the board consider any other additional cameras in the interior, specifically the garage area because it is a large area to cover. Sheriff Hunter stated that camera footage has been used to support a Worker's Compensation claim and suggested the board place a camera in the garage area. Commissioner Hunter suggested checking with our insurance carrier to see if they had a suggestion to the garage camera.

Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Deniston if anything had been discussed about the telephone lines for the new garage. Mr. Deniston stated that it would depend on the directional boring to determine if it is cheaper to try to tie in to the Sheriff or cheaper to have Comcast run the line out to the jail. Commissioner Musselman expressed frustration that the telephone installation was not included in a project of this magnitude and not sure why RQAW would not have caught it. Mr. Deniston stated that it was supposed to be in the original project, but was not included. Once Mr. Deniston receives all the quotes that will allow the board to decide how they want to proceed with the cameras and telephone installation. Sheriff Hunter noted again that a project this size should require making sure everything is covered from start to finish to eliminate the added headaches and expense.

Commissioner Hunt stated that the paint bay has been removed from the project to help reduce costs of the project. Auditor Brown suggested the board meet with the Council to review the changes so they are not surprised when they do not see a paint bay in the building. Mr. Worl noted that everything is plumbed in so that if the county decides down the road they want to install the paint bay it would be ready. Commissioner Musselman agreed that a meeting with the 2 boards needs to take place to discuss what is transpiring with the project. Mr. Worl stated that he was not involved in the project and the only one remaining who was, is Brandon Jones, Highway Mechanic and the responsibility should not fall on him. Mr. Worl went on to state that is where the county fell short and someone other than an employee should be managing the project. Commissioner Musselman noted that there is no one at the project site to represent the county and is concerning to him. Commissioner West stated that the county would experience snags in a project of this size. Commissioner Hunt will get with Dustin Fry, RQAW Construction Manager about scheduling a meeting at the job site with the board and Council, prior to the Council meeting on March 19, 2019.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brenda Weaver asked if the county hired a project manager to oversee the construction from the county. Commissioner Hunt stated that there is only a construction manager from RQAW and not the county. Ms. Weaver stated that there was a project manager on site with the jail project and the county should have taken steps to ensure there was one on this project. In her opinion, we need someone local to be onsite because that person would have interest in the project as a taxpayer of the county.

Randy Hileman state that he is concerned with the number of cameras the county could install at the new garage, but neglecting the liability of the 2 old garages. Mr. Hileman explained the county will maintain the 2 garages for parts, equipment and cold storage and not having some kind of security system to monitor is a bigger issue in his opinion. The county could experience a greater risk for theft because people will not be coming in and out of the building daily. Mr. Worl is concerned about the liability as well with not having any kind of security or fencing around the entire perimeter of the buildings. Commissioner West is not sure it would be cost prohibitive to put additional cameras for security at the 2 garages.

Elaine Anderson questioned if these issues came up, why they have not been addressed before now, especially with the cameras and telephones. Commissioner Hunt noted the people in the room were not aware of the issues. Commissioner West stated he knew about the camera issue. Ms. Anderson is concerned about other surprises that may come

up that the county will be responsible for, but do not know about. Commissioner Musselman again expressed his concern about no one from the county overseeing the project and everyone is on the same page. Commissioner West explained the project was not handed off well from those officials, who have since left the county, and that is where the breakdown in communication has happened.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Alan Hunt**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Larry West**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Keith Musselman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Mary Brown**