

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MAY 18, 2020

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

HIGHWAY

The board received and opened bids for Highway dump trucks from the following vendors:

1. Truck Center of South Bend-2 Tandem Axle Freightliner Chassis \$202,570
2. Rush Truck Center-2 Tandem Axle Freightliner Chassis \$197,956
3. Stoops Freightliner Anderson-2 Tandem Axle Freightliner Chassis \$191,032
4. Wiers International-2 Tandem Axle Freightliner Chassis \$193,106
5. Reading Truck Equipment-2 Truck Beds \$176,504
6. WA Jones-2 Truck Beds \$146,884
7. Terry Truck Equipment-2 Truck Beds \$146,550

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award at 11 am. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The board received and opened bids for Highway asphalt materials for the following projects 1) 1350 N, 2) 200 N, 3) Various Subdivisions, 4) Mexico Road from the following vendors:

1. Gaunt & Sons-Project #3 Various Subdivisions \$175,610
2. Phend & Brown-Project #4 Mexico Road \$400,610.44
3. Phend & Brown-Project #1 1350 N \$250,545
4. Phend & Brown-Project #2 200 N \$194,036
5. Phend & Brown-Project #3 Various Subdivisions \$171,770
6. E & B Paving-Project #4 Mexico Road \$372,572.55
7. E & B Paving-Project #1 1350 N \$279,113.40
8. E & B Paving-Project #2 200 N \$196,931.13
9. E & B Paving-Project #3 Various Subdivisions \$148,677.38

Commissioner West made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award at 11 am. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer stated he would receive bids for Bridge #98 (200 W over Pipe Creek) for asphalt overlay on June 1. Engineer Einselen will advertise for bids for Phase 2 of Eagles Point for June 15.

HEALTH DEPT/COVID-19

Dr. Redmon provided an updated on the current Back On Track plan issued by Governor Holcomb. Phase II started with the reopening stage, which has prompted many calls to the Environmental Health Department. Beginning May 24, 2020, Indiana will move to

Phase III. Dr. Redmon stated that most people want to do the right thing, as this virus is very contagious and deadly. Phasing in services helps limit the exposure and limits ventilators potentially needed and protects the vulnerable people. Opening phases makes it easier for people to follow. Dr. Redmon noted that Logansport seems to have stabilized, but not going away. Dr. Redmon went on to state the 3 main guidelines have not changed; continue to social distance, self-quarantine and wear facial coverings. The virus is deadly and there is no vaccine. It is important for everyone to understand the vulnerable groups and that the guidelines of social distancing, posting signage, etc. are still in place. The anti-body testing is available, but the actual COVID-19 test is obviously more accurate. For those who fall in the vulnerable category, especially essential personnel could be tested at the Armory. Those in the vulnerable group should only venture out when necessary and only visit those places who take the necessary precautions associated with COVID-19. Dr. Redmon noted that masks should continue to be worn until June 14, 2020.

Auditor Brown asked the board to clarify the policy for employees who work remotely. The board stated employees could only work from home as long as they have something from the doctor stating they are in the high-risk category or over the age of 65. Otherwise, employees should return to work as normal.

MINUTES

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 5/4/20 minutes. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

PAYROLL

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hunter came before the board to discuss an issue with air conditioner unit at the jail. Sheriff Hunter presented a quote from Climate Makers for installation of the same unit currently at the jail for \$82,000 and a quote from Quality Plumbing and Heating for \$88,866.10. Sheriff Hunter also received quotes from Climate Makers for a Trane unit, which is better and would switch the unit to gas to help save money for \$81,000. The quote for the Trane unit from Quality Plumbing and Heating was \$82,000. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the quote from Climate Makers for the Trane unit for \$81,000. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Auditor Brown will find funds to cover the cost of the unit from Cum Courthouse and the Commissioners budgets.

ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDS REPORTING

The board received the annual school funds reporting from Auditor Brown of \$57,313.64. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the report as presented. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MCEDA SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

Commissioner West explained there were 82-84 applicants for the small business grant through MCEDA. The grant excludes non-profits and businesses who do apply must meet certain guidelines to qualify. Businesses could receive amounts \$3,000 - \$8,000 or the amount requested within the application if less than \$3,000. Commissioner West stated that 44 businesses would benefit from the grant.

PERU LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

The board received a request to reappoint Bryan Maggart to the Peru Public Library Board for another 4-year term. Commissioner West made a motion to reappoint Bryan Maggart to the Peru Public Library for another 4-year term. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INDOT SURVEY

The board received a letter from HNTB on behalf of the Indiana Department of Transportation, who will perform a survey for the proposed intersection improvement of US 31 at CR 500 S.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Hileman voiced concerns regarding weight restrictions on bridges that are different for emergency vehicles. Mr. Hileman questioned the liability to the county. Engineer Einselen explained the weight directive came from the state, not the county. Attorney Downs noted that the driver would be liable if they are overweight and something happened.

HIGHWAY BID AWARDS

Engineer Einselen presented the following bids for award for Highway asphalt materials for the following projects 1) 1350 N, 2) 200 N, 3) Various Subdivisions, 4) Mexico Road from the following vendors:

1. Phend & Brown-Project #1 1350 N \$250,545
2. Phend & Brown-Project #2 200 N \$194,036

Commissioner West made a motion to award the bid for project #1 1350 N for \$250,545 and project #2 200 N for \$194,036 to Phend and Brown. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

3. E & B Paving-Project #3 Various Subdivisions \$148,677.38
4. E & B Paving-Project #4 Mexico Road \$372,572.55

Commissioner West made a motion to award the bid for project #3 Various Subdivisions for \$148,677.38 and project #4 Mexico Road for \$372,572.55 to E & B Paving. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Engineer Einselen presented the following bids for award for Highway dump trucks from the following vendors:

1. Wiers International for 2 tandem axle truck chassis for \$193,106
2. Terry Truck Equipment, Inc. for 2 Truck beds for \$146,550

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to award the bid for the Highway dump trucks to Wiers International for \$193,106 and Terry Truck Equipment for \$146,550.

Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent stated that 1 dump truck will be parted out due to the cost of repairs and the 2nd truck will go to auction due to the amount offered on trade.

ADJOURN

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Musselman 2nd 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