

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
July 1, 2019

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

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 6/17/19 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

TOLL HOUSE

Paige McClure came before the board to request support for their new satellite location for McClure's Orchard and Winery at the Toll House. Ms. McClure explained she and her family purchased the Toll House and plans to renovate and restore the building and then open their satellite location. Ms. McClure noted that they love the community and want to expand their services in to the City of Peru, but needs support from the board before she attends the Alcohol Board meeting. Commissioner West made a motion to support McClure's Orchard and Winery satellite location at the Toll House. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Hunt abstained.

CLERK

Sherry Raber, Miami County Clerk came before the board to obtain permission to hire a part-time employee to train for her IV-D Deputy, who will be going on maternity leave in October. Clerk Raber explained that she would like to bring in the temporary replacement to train and would pay the part-time wages from Clerk Incentive funds. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to allow Clerk Raber to hire a part-time person to train for the IV-D Deputy position. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CONFERENCE CLAIM

The board received a claim for \$8,030.88 for conference expense for employees attending Drug Court training. The claim would be paid from the Drug Court Grant. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claim for conference expense for \$8,030.88 from the Drug Court Grant fund. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Commissioner West explained the board needed to make an appointment to the Economic Development Commission. The Commission reviews the incentive for projects that would pledge TIF funds and determine if there justification for the request. The Council and City of Peru must also make an appointment to the board. The Council voted to appoint Councilman Dick Wood until another replacement could be found. Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Brad Fruth to the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

AUDITOR

Auditor Mary Brown requested to change the status of the full-time GIS Deputy, Aaron Wilson to part-time. Auditor Brown stated Deputy Wilson is confident he could still perform the bulk of his current duties at fewer hours, with the adjustment of other duties divided amongst the other employees in the office. Auditor Brown stated that Deputy Wilson had requested to maintain the equivalent to his current hourly rate of \$16.22. Auditor Brown explained Deputy Wilson comes with a great deal of knowledge, does an outstanding job and would hate to lose him. Auditor Brown noted that she would only

agree to the change as long as the position remained full-time within her budget and Deputy Wilson was paid part-time. Auditor Brown stated that a new person coming in could not manage learning the job and all the responsibilities at part-time hours. Commissioner West made a motion to move Deputy Wilson from full-time to part-time at a rate of \$16.22 per hour and maintain the full-time position within the Auditor's budget. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Auditor Brown will take the request to the July Council meeting.

QUADMED

Auditor Brown provided the formal amendment of the QuadMed contract, reflecting the change in the pricing. The board previously approved the change in pricing at their April 15, 2019 meeting.

2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The board received the proposed 2020 Holiday schedule for review. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 2020 Holiday schedule as presented. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

DATA PIT STOP

Auditor Brown spoke to the board about services offered by Data Pit Stop such as managing all the tax data, circuit breaker losses, drain management, property tax calculator and more. Data Pit Stop currently manages the excise software and offers services to several other counties. The expanded services offered, would help in finding additional revenue for major projects like the HVAC system, updating the elevator, renovations, etc. The program also simplifies and makes it easier to recalculate or estimate tax bills. The cost for the services through the end of 2020 would be \$6,000.00 without the drain management software or \$10,000.00 with the program. Auditor Brown recommended purchasing the drain option as it will help the Auditor's and Surveyor's Offices to maintain the drains in a more efficient manner. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the agreement with Data Pit Stop through 2020 for \$10,000.00. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Auditor Brown will request Darren Bates, Owner of Data Pit Stop to come to the August Council meeting to discuss potential funding options.

HIGHWAY BIDS

The board received bids for HMA Type A 12.5 mm surface and Bituminous Tack Oil from the following:

HMA Type A 12.5 mm surface

Gaunt & Sons	\$72.50 per ton
Phend & Brown	\$70.00 per ton
E & B Paving	\$67.00 per ton

Bituminous Tack Oil

E & B Paving	\$3.00 per gallon
Asphalt Materials	\$2.50 per gallon
Bit-Mat	\$2.00 per gallon
Marathon Oil	\$2.10 per gallon

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

ASSESSOR CONTRACT

Karen LeMaster, Assessor came before the board to present the amended Pictometry contract for signatures. Assessor LeMaster explained that the former Assessor cut the change finder option from the services, which reduces the contract by \$9,000.00. Assessor LeMaster just received the amended contract reflecting the reduction in cost and eliminating the change finder option. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the amended contract for Pictometry. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IDEM

The board received a notice from IDEM for a permit application for Smithfield Packaged Meats.

WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

The board received copy of the minutes of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission from the May 8, 2019 meeting.

CSI

The board received a letter from CSI regarding the dispute over the maintenance agreement the county cancelled. Auditor Brown will forward the letter to Attorney Downs to review.

TRASH ISSUE

Commissioner Hunt stated that he received a call from a 2 different taxpayers regarding the amount of trash between 1350 and 1400 S with the rerouting of traffic due to the 31 construction. There has been at minimum, 1 bag per day collected by the taxpayers filing the complaint. The board will discuss the need for a "No littering" sign with Highway Superintendent Kerry Worl. Superintendent Worl stated that he could place a sign, but it would still require someone to enforce the littering. Superintendent Worl does not feel that the sign will keep people from throwing out trash and the Sheriff's Department would have to monitor the area.

ANIMAL REMOVAL

Commissioner West stated that he received a call regarding a dead animal in the road at Eagle's Pointe last week. Commissioner West explained the Highway Department does not pick up dead animals and DNR recommends dragging them off the road, but in this instance, it was not possible since it was in the housing addition. Commissioner West contacted Animal Control Officer John Heeter and he picked up the dead animal. This is not something the county is contracted with Mr. Heeter to do, but Commissioner West will speak to Mr. Heeter about potentially amending his contract to cover that service if a dead animal is found and not able to drag it off the road.

CONFERENCE

Commissioner West stated that he would be attending the Mid-West Conference in Washington to discuss Federal, State and local issues.

ROOF

The board received a quote from Schleppenbach Construction for \$6,425.00 to rebuild the trusses, replace the roof and cover the opening of the patio of the old jail living quarters. The county is required to pay ½ down and the remaining due upon completion of the work. Commissioner Musselman stated it is believed that water is coming from the patio area and leaking into the waiting area of the Health Department. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the roof repair from Schleppenbach Construction for \$6,425.00. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY GARAGE-DIRT

The board discussed the issue of the extra dirt in front of the Highway Garage. Commissioner Hunt explained that Boog Jones, Highway Mechanic contacted Commissioner Hunt to have Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep haul in clay fill dirt in exchange for fill dirt. Commissioner Hunt stated that Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep could purchase fill dirt from Kokomo or crusher run from West Plain. Adam Hunt, Owner of Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep found it would be more economical to purchase the crusher run from West Plains. Commissioner Hunt contacted Dustin Fry, Construction Manager about hauling the crusher run for the project. Mr. Fry requested Commissioner Hunt provide a 5 gallon bucket of the dirt from the vendor in Kokomo and a 5 gallon bucket from West Plains for compaction testing. Both passed the compaction test. Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep hauled 30 initial loads and then requested an agreement with RQAW for the soil exchange. Mr. Fry provided an agreement, which allowed for a 1 to 1 exchange. Mr. Hunt did not agree with the 1 to 1 load exchange and therefore, did not sign the agreement. In total, Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep hauled 69 loads of fill material for the project. Highway Superintendent Worl stated that he feels Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep can take whatever dirt he wants, which

is approximately 140 loads. If there is any dirt left after Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep have all the dirt they want, the Commissioners could sell the rest.

COMMUNITY CROSSING BID AWARDS

Highway Engineer Ken Einselen presented his recommendations for the bids for materials for the Community Crossings Grant. Engineer Einselen recommended accepting the bid from E & B Paving for \$67.00 per ton for HMA Type A 12.5 mm surface and the bid from Bit-Mat for \$2.00 per gallon for Bituminous Tack Oil. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the recommendations of bid awards as presented. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

UTILITY REQUEST

The board received a request from AT & T for placement of buried and aerial utilities on the south and north side of Logansport Road between 1765 West and 3321 West from the Country Mark tank farm and Omnisource in Peru Township. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request from AT & T for placement of buried and aerial utilities on Logansport Road. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

LPA VOUCHER

Engineer Einselen presented LPA Voucher #42 for \$2,758.65, which covers bridge #159 engineering services. Commissioner Musselman made a motion authorizing Commissioner Hunt to sign LPA Voucher #42 for \$2,758.65. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSING CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

Engineer Einselen presented the construction agreement for the Community Crossings grant work at Eagle's Pointe. The agreement with E & B Paving is for \$776,215.99, with the county receiving a grant award of \$537,138.75 towards the project. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign the construction agreement with E & B Paving for the work at Eagle's Pointe. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PUBIC COMMENT

Randy Hileman suggested the board research and see if the insurance of the person who hits an animal will reimburse the county for the pickup. The board will do some research on the suggestion.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Hunter came before the board to present a quote from Climate Makers to repair the a/c unit at the jail for \$9,325.00. Sheriff Hunter noted that another part would need replaced, not at this time, but in the future and estimated to cost \$22,000.00 - \$23,000.00. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the quote from Climate Makers to repair the a/c unit at the jail for \$9,325.00. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Sheriff Hunter explained 9-1-1 is receiving several calls about animals on their property or animals running loose. Sheriff Hunter feels that if the animal is not aggressive, then the Animal Control Officer can go out at the start of business the next day and see if the animal can be located. Sheriff Hunter requested clarification on how the board wants 9-1-1 to handle the calls that do not involve an aggressive animal. The board agreed that the Animal Control Officer does not receive extra compensation for going out after hours and emergency after hour calls should only be for aggressive animal calls. The board agreed that the Animal Control Officer could go out at the start of the next business day for non-aggressive animals.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 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