

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
June 2, 2014

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members were present.

#### COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

The Board of Commissioners spoke with Elected Officials/Department heads within the Courthouse explaining that they would like to explore the possibility of moving some offices within the Courthouse. The Board would like to see a better flow of services, finding a larger space for the 3<sup>rd</sup> courtroom, and having the Courts, Clerk and Prosecutor closer together. They would like to have some input from the Elected Officials/Department Heads regarding the space they will need. The Board asked everyone to email their thoughts and ideas to the Board of Commissioners and cc the Auditor by July 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 5-19-14 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### PAYROLL CORRECTION

There was a correction made on one of the payroll checks. The gross amount stayed the same. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### MCEDA

Jim Tidd informed the Commissioners that Orion was ready to move forward with their expansion and in order to consider an abatement or offer any help at all the area has to be determined to be an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). Mr. Tidd requested to go before the Miami County Council at their special meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to have the Council approve a Declaratory Resolution to make that area an ERA. Commissioner West made a motion to support Mr. Tidd taking it before the Council. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### PROPERTY COMPLAINT

Gene Wooten came before the Board to complain about a property near his. Mr. Wooten lives at the end of West 10<sup>th</sup> street and has a neighbor that lives on west 11<sup>th</sup> street. The property is a mess and he would like the Commissioners to look at it and see if anything can be done about it. Commissioner Francis will look at it but is not sure whose jurisdiction it is. The property is in the County however is in the 2 mile radius and may have to be addressed by the City.

#### SCHOOL BUS TURNAROUND SIGN REQUEST

North Miami Schools sent a request for a school bus turn around sign at 42 W Lovers Lane. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### BIS DIGITAL CONTRACT

Commissioners asked IT Director John Evans to check and see if necessary and bring a report back to them.

#### SKATE PARK

Commissioner Francis stated that the County had agreed to have the Engineer help the skate park with a drainage design as the county's contribution. Communication did not happen and the skate park had to hire the work done. The cost was \$312.50. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to pay the \$312.50. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### INSURANCE ADJUSTMENTS

Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented the Insurance Committee's recommended changes to the County insurance to the Miami County Council at their last meeting. The

Council had no objections to the recommended changes. The Commissioners note that as soon as they finalize the process the recommendations of the committee will be in effect August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

**AMBOY**

Mr. Miller, Amboy, sent a request to find out who is responsible for the maintenance of his road. The County apparently put a road through his property at one time, however no one uses it but him. The Board forwarded the letter to Planning and zoning.

**SECURITY**

Officer Tim Hunter reported that some of the outside lights have burned out. The Board told him to call and have them replaced.

**HIGHWAY**

Mike Sisson, Highway Supervisor, and Janice Clemons, Highway Bookkeeper. Came before the Board to talk about replacing some of the equipment /vehicles that are beyond repair

**PROBATION**

Susan Rice asked the Board about the vacation policy. The Commissioners had said previously that they were going to change from anniversary date to calendar year and all employees needed to use their time by December 31, 2014. Ms. Rice needs to know if that still holds so she knows what to tell her employees. The Commissioners are not ready yet but they will inform everyone as soon as they finalize the process.

Ms. Rice also asked where they are as far as the IT issues because the internet continues to go down in her office several times a week. The Board spoke with Mr. Evans previously. Mr. Evans said to let him know when that happens and he can re-boot the system, which should take care of the problem. The Board also informed her that they have hired a company to survey the system and make recommendations.

Ms. Rice would like an opportunity to meet with the Board to discuss the salary of her office staff. Probation Officers received State mandated raises last year and will receive another one this year but her office staff do not get mandated raises.

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

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Joshua Francis**

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

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Jerry Hamman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**