

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
DECEMBER 14, 2015

Commissioner Chairman Joshua Francis called the meeting to order. All Commissioners are present.

**HIGHWAY BIDS**

8:30

The Board of Commissioners asked Mike Sisson, Highway Supervisor, for his recommendation on the bids. Mr. Sisson recommends that the County accept all the bids on the aggregates. Commissioner West made a motion to accept Mr. Sisson's recommendation and accept the bids of all 4 companies.

- \*Hanson Aggregates
- \*West Plains Mining
- \*Kokomo Gravel
- \*Irving

Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Board received one bid for fuel from North Central Coop. Mr. Sisson recommended that we accept the bid but only bid 50%. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the bid from North Central Coop but only bid 50%. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR COMPLAINT**

The Board received notification from the Public Access Counselor that Brenda Weaver, former Miami County Recorder, had filed a complaint against the Commissioners, stating that a letter they sent to Precinct Committeemen stating their recommendation to replace her as interim Recorder until the election, was illegal. The Commissioners maintain that they did not use Commissioner stationary (letterhead) and it was not done in a meeting nor voted on. The Commissioners agreed, individually who they would like to recommend and signed the letter separately (one signed and sent to the next one).

**INSURANCE BIDS**

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following bids for comprehensive liability insurance:

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| Saine – Summers    | \$175,277 |
| Webster            | \$175,640 |
| Consolidated Union | \$164,307 |

Commissioner West made a motion to approve and accept the bid from Consolidated Union, for the sum of \$164,307. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**WORKMAN COMP BIDS**

The Commissioners reviewed the following bids for Workman Comp Insurance:

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| Saine – Summers    | \$145,403 |
| Webster            | \$146,705 |
| Consolidated Union | \$179,516 |

Mr. Summers, Saine – Summers Insurance stated that they would not be able to provide the Workman Comp insurance since they did not get the bid for the other insurance.

Commissioner West made a motion to accept the bid from Webster Insurance.

Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**EMPLOYEE INSURANCE ISSUE**

An employee came before the Board concerning the insurance. She has received some very large balance bills, which she has turned over to ELAP. However she still keeps getting bills and request for payments and is in fear that it is going to affect her credit before it gets settled. Chairman Francis told her that her only responsibility is to pay the amount in the gray box on the EOB. The county insurance will be responsible for the balance that is settled on (if any). If it is in the process of dispute, it should not affect her credit.

**PROSECUTOR**

Bruce Embrey, Prosecutor, explained that his employee who is currently on sick leave and has shown some improvement, they will not be ready to return to work for a long time. Mr. Embrey has a person who is willing to work part time and who would be willing to step down if his employee would be able to return to work.

The Prosecutor also has an employee who has requested to carry over some vacation time that they have not been able to use due to the shortage in the office. The Commissioners granted an extension date of February 13, 2016. The Prosecutor is not sure that will be enough time. The Board asked to keep them informed.

**TREASURER**

The Treasurer sent a request to the Board to grant a carry-over of vacation time (5days) for her First Deputy and to pay her out for 24.5 comp hours. The Board requested the Treasurer to come to the meeting next week.

**TORT CLAIM**

The Board received notice of a tort claim concerning a person who fell at the YMCA. The Board will give it to Pat Roberts.

**IT**

Jim Dennison brought two proposals for next year regarding the phone system. The phone system proposal was for \$103,575.23 and the cabling portion was for \$63,500. This would include all new wiring and a new Shortel phone system. This would be the big project for next year but Mr. Denniston stated there would be smaller server projects.

Mr. Dennison informed the Board that Allen Products (new copier/printer company) asked about replacing the 4250 copiers with smaller units but his recommendation would be to stay with the 4250s. He will send the Board the specs.

**CLAIMS**

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

**HISTORIC FOUNTAIN SQUARE**

The Board received information from Historic Fountain Square regarding an addition to the Nickel Plate Trail. This section would be from the intersection of the current trail and the abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad corridor Bunker Hill to the intersection of abandoned railroad Pennsylvania Railroad corridor and Strawtown Pike.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Francis 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**