

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
DECEMBER 21, 2015

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

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 12-7-15 and the 12-14-15 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received information on services offered by Peters Municipal Consultants.

The Board received a thank you note from Converse-Jackson Library for their support.

IDEM sent a notice approving Maple Farms Swine Operation.

The Board received a notice of tort claim from Kenn Nunn.

The Board will be advertising for the cleaning of the Courthouse contract.

The Auditor thanked the Commissioners for allowing the offices to close for 1 ½ hours to enjoy the Christmas dinner together. The employees commented on how much they enjoyed being able to sit down together to enjoy the meal and the sharing of the season.

TREASURER

Treasurer Becky Morris asked the Board to allow her 1st Deputy to carry over 5 vacation days and 24.5 comp hours because there was no way she could use them considering the situation in her office this year. The Commissioners stated that her comp sheet showed 73 hours. The Treasurer went back to her office to figure out the discrepancy and returned to explain that the 1st Deputy was going to be out the rest of the year using up as many hours as she could. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the carry over as long as she uses it by the end of January. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BUNKER HILL PLAN & ZONE BOARD

Bill Gornto requested the Board appoint Rodney Decker to replace Steve Daniels on the Bunker Hill Planning and Zoning Board effective January 1, 2016. Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Rodney Decker to the Bunker Hill Planning and Zoning Board effective January 1, 2016. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

REQUEST

Judy Dicken, employee of the Commissioners, informed the Commissioners that due to a family illness, she will have to miss the day after the holiday and per the personnel policy, she has to get permission for the Department head in order to be paid for the holiday. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INSURANCE BILL

The Board received a bill for the \$5,000 deductible. Commissioner West made a motion to pay the bill out of the insurance line. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

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

BLANKET BONDS

Michael Bowditch came before the Board to discuss blanket bonds due to new legislation that any government employee that handles money will be required to be bonded.

Commissioner West made a motion to make Mr. Bowditch the agent of record to insure we are in compliance. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

The Sheriff came before the Board to have them sign the Motorola contract (the Miami County Council approved supporting the expenditure of the money). Chairman Francis explained that the cost would be \$206,656 plus \$410,594 for maintenance the next 20 years totaling \$617,250 for a total cost, with the City of Peru paying half of the cost. Commissioner West made a motion to approve signing the contract providing the City of Peru does pay ½ of the cost. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COBRA CONTRACT RENEWAL

Commissioner West made a motion to sign the Cobra Contract renewal. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

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Jim Dennisten, Intrasect, informed the Board that the rocker power button that broke on the security camera would cost \$5,000 to replace or \$500 to refurbish.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen submitted a request to remove the “School bus stop ahead” sign on 1100 South. Mr. Einselen checked with Oak Hill Schools and they did not see the need for the sign. Commissioner West made a motion to remove the sign. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1 (Commissioner Hamman was out of the room).

Ken Einselen presented an LPA reimbursable claim for the Board to sign. The reimbursable amount is \$20,461.20. Commissioner West made a motion to sign. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

JAIL BOND

Rick Hall, Jail Bond Attorney, spoke to the Board concerning the possibility of refinancing the current jail bonds. There could be a savings of \$1,253,431 to the County with no out of pocket expense. January would be a good time to refinance considering the changes that are taking place in the interest rates. Commissioner West made a motion to have Mr. Hall explore the possibility of refinancing. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner West made a motion to reappoint Tom Guthrie to the Health Board. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

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