

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
March 7, 2016

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

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Tim Spahr brought an estimate from Schrock's to repair Law Library chairs, bench 1st floor by elevator and two doors in the men's restroom on the 1st floor. The total estimate was for \$6,277 with the stipulation of ½ down and the other ½ at completion.

Commissioner West made a motion to have Schrock's repair the two chairs in the Law Library and the bench (repair of the two men's restroom doors to be considered at a later time). Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel-Sands spoke to the Board about hiring John Evans to do the connectivity at the vote centers. His quote is less than Intrasect and well within the amount appropriated.

Mrs. Sands also stressed that it is imperative to update the website. Jim Denniston told her that if she got the information to them ASAP, Intrasect could get the website updated this week. The Board will find out the cost to do that at the next meeting. Chairman Francis will speak with Tom Polk, Intrasect, and make sure there will not be a conflict if John Evans does the connectivity work.

Commissioner West made a motion to authorize Mrs. Sands to use Global Marketing Enterprises, providing it does not conflict with Mr. Evan's contract with Intrasect. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, received a road closure request to close Denver Pike road from NIPSCO. Mr. Einselen did not feel the request was feasible. His recommendation is to close the road for 1 day for mobilization and two days for de-mobilization. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the recommendation from Mr. Einselen. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen also spoke about the supplemental agreement amount for the Bridge Inspections. The increased amount is \$41,870. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the increased amount. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT

Jim Denniston, Intrasect, talked to the Board about the phone system. Intrasect will be getting a quote for the call out module

Kaspersky is set to expire at the end of the year and they will replace with ESET anti-virus. The County will begin receiving bills for it soon.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe will have an employee leaving her employment in two weeks and requested permission from the Board to fill that position. Request granted.

Mrs. McAuliffe and the Board discussed adding software that would give her a more detailed view of properties and homes along with a better capability of measuring different elevations. Chairman Francis said he understood that it would help her to do her job (she could do it from her desk instead of having to physically go to the property but feels it is somewhat an invasion of privacy for the homeowner. Mrs. McAuliffe stated that they could be selective in who sees the information if they choose to. Law enforcement and emergency (9-1-1 and fire), courts, Prosecutors and probation are some of the departments that would use it frequently but could block private citizens from seeing the more detailed views.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 2-16-16 minutes. 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.

CLAIMS

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

PLAN COMMISSION & ZONING APPEALS

Mark Allen sent in his resignation from the City Zoning Board of Appeals and the Peru Planning Commission. The Commissioners asked that the media to share this information on the radio and the newspapers.

HOG BARN COMPLAINT

Mr. Lloyd Miller came before the Board to discuss if there is anything he can do about the hog barn that is being built by his neighbor, Roger Vincent. Mr. Vincent has a hog barn already that is 1500 feet from Mr. Miller's house and he has planted a few trees but the smell is still pretty bad. The new hog barn will be 1200 feet from his home and he is afraid the property value will go even lower with having two hog barns within 1500 feet of his home. The Commissioners said they do not really have any control over the building of hog barns, IDEM makes sure they follow the rules. They could check with the County Planning and Zoning office to see what the County stipulations are in the County Ordinance.

PROBATION

Susan Rice came before the Board to ask if they had made a decision regarding the request to carry over vacation time for her and some of her staff. Chairman Francis stated that they have been telling staff for the last couple of years that there will not be any more carry-over of vacation time because if they cannot use it within a year, how are they going to use more the next year. Susan Rice stated that she was cut 2 positions and their work had to be picked up by those left, it didn't just go away. Commissioner West stated that Square D had a similar situation and had to re-do how they prioritize.

Chairman Francis asked Ms. Rice if she had a recommendation to fix the situation. Ms. Rice responded with giving her more staff. The Commissioners agreed that they could not afford to do that. Ms. Rice stated that they were very dedicated and had not closed their office one day a week to get their work done. They have already let some of the work go. She asked the Commissioners which of the more violent offenders they would like to see monitored less. Ms. Rice stated that she, nor her staff, are willing to give up their time and they simply would not do the work.

The Commissioners discussed once again, the possibility of going to a 40 hour work week to give employees more time to get their work done. The Board also discussed cutting vacation time allowed because they are continuously asked for permission to carry over vacation time and if employees can't use the time they are given in a year they can't use more time the following year.

Commissioner West stated he could not go along with the carry over request as is because it is only making matters worse. Commissioner West made a motion to allow up to 5 days carry over to be used by (along with the current years vacation time) to be used by anniversary date or December 31st, whichever comes first. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Ms. Rice also asked about getting a faucet fixed in her office. It has been leaking for about 4 months and the cabinet is rotting out. She was told on several occasions that MC Contracting would be there to fix it and has not shown up. Chairman Francis contacted

MC Contracting. They had no record of a call being logged but will get there today. The Commissioners will pay for the cabinet to be replaced.

COMMISSIONER ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts stated he was going to file his appearance in the Four County Counseling law suit and asked if he was filing the appearance just on behalf of the Commissioners, Auditor and Treasurer or if he was to represent the Council also. Chairman Francis contacted Ralph Duckwall, President of the Council and President Duckwall stated to include the Council.

Commissioner West asked Mr. Roberts about a property on 10th street that the City had condemned. The garage is in bad shape and the owner cannot afford to tear it down. Commissioner West wanted to know what options are available.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey informed the Board that the AED's have been installed in the Courthouse (on each floor) and he is needing to schedule training for employees. The training will be approximately 3 hours in length and wanted to make sure there would not be a problem with departments allowing the staff to attend the training during working hours.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller gave the Commissioners a copy of the annual report for the jail.

The Sheriff also presented two proposals from APC.

- *\$3,925 for 20 full battery replacements

- *\$3,827 for service plan and inspection

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

The Sheriff also informed the Board that some of the pipes are springing pin hole leaks. The maintenance man has been able to repair some of them but will probably have to have someone come in and replace parts of the pipes.

A cost report on the 9-1-1 Center was also presented to the Commissioners.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Highway Supervisor Mike Sisson opened the bids for bituminous seal materials, hot asphalt, liquid asphalt, winter cold mix, and hot mix plant rental. The following companies submitted bids:

- *Central paving, Logansport Indiana

- *E & B Paving, INC, Kokomo, IN

- *Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc. Wabash, IN

- *Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Indianapolis, IN

- *Asphalt materials INC, Indianapolis, IN

- *Pierceton Trucking Co. INC, Warsaw, IN

- *Bit-Mat Asphalt Products, Ashley, IN

Commissioner West made a motion to take the bids under advisement till the next meeting (3-21-16). Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT COMMITTEE

Peter Diedrichs, IT Committee Chairman, brought a draft of a recommended "Miami County Computer, Peripheral, and Network Device Disposal Policy" for the Commissioners to review. After some discussion, Commissioner Hamman mad a motion to take under advisement until the next meeting. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Diedrichs also informed the Board there are a few employees that have not responded to the need to sign the paperwork for remote access to the email. Commissioner West made a motion to give those few one more notice and then remove the access. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- IDEM approval letter for a Confined Feeding Operation construction (Nicholas & Lindsey Maple)
- Minutes from the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission (1-13-16)
- IDEM letter of approval for amendment with renewal for Scott & Kathy Exmeyer Confined Feeding Operation.
- IDEM letter of approval for amendment with renewal for Michael & Vicki Musselman Confined Feeding Operation.
- Report from Security Officer Hunter on issues that came up and he reported

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