

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
November 12, 2013

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

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4th.
Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 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.

HEALTH OFFICER

The Board received a request from the Health Officer requesting his own office in the new space the County is providing for the Health Department as well as his own parking space. Commissioner Hamman stated there was a space available that the Health Officer could use as an office. There are several spaces marked for the Health Department already therefore the Board denied the request for an additional space to be marked for the Health Officer.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to appoint Commissioner Francis to the Regional Economic Planning Organization. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

REQUEST FOR REFUND

The Auditor received two requests from Wayne Bunker for weed liens he paid on two different parcels he purchased in a tax sale. After some research, the Auditor stated that the liens were put on in 2011; Mr. Bunker purchased them in a tax sale in 2012 and received title in 2012. The liens were put on by the City of Peru and the City was responsible for all notifications which Mr. Bunker claims was done incorrectly. The City received payment for liens in December of 2012 at settlement. The Auditor believes his complaint is with the City of Peru not with Miami County. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to support that and to notify Mr. Bunker of that decision. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR

Commissioner West made a motion to sign the resolution to reappoint Ken Einselen to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor with Commissioner Francis as the alternate for the term beginning 1-1-14 and ending 12-31-15. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IDEM

The Board received notice from IDEM that they had received a permit application from Dean Baldwin Painting for Industrial Pretreatment Facility.

SHERIFF

The Board discussed budget items with the Sheriff. Sheriff Miller has continually cut his budgets for the last several years. He is also holding inmates from other counties as well as the DOC and he is getting reimbursement from the Resource Officer he has stationed at one of the schools. The only increase in his budget is for the matrix and the Merit Officers retirement. The Board of Commissioners appreciates the great job he has done in cutting cost and controlling the budgets he oversees.

Sheriff Miller informed the Board that the jail underwent an inspection and received a very good report. The Inspector did request a staffing survey be done to ensure that the

jail was being adequately staffed. The Sheriff feels there is a need for another jailer. He would rather spend the money on the position instead of the survey.

WEED LIEN

Tammy Gamble requested to put a weed lien on a property at Grissom (the Apollo). Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MUSEUM

Elise Kordis, Curator, and Gary Hawley, Historical Society Board Member, met with the Board to discuss their budget. Commissioner Francis asked about the increase in their budget. Elise explained that the Historical Society has been paying the heat and utilities this year, which she estimated to be about \$20,000 this year.

Commissioner Hamman asked if there was anywhere they could cut and she said no they had cut everything last year.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen asked the Board for permission to move the stop sign at Daniels Road and place it closer to the intersection. Mr. Einselen would also recommend the placement of a "stop ahead" sign be placed. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen also asked for approval of the ADA Compliance Transition Plan. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the plan. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Commissioners were given a progress report from American Structure Point on the Business 31 bridge project.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tim Hunter, Courthouse Security, informed the Board that it has been a long time since the Safety Committee has met and request the group meet again.

COURTS

The Auditor informed the Board that she had been asked about a petty cash fund for the Courts so that when there is a jury trial, expenses do not have to be paid for by an employee who has to wait for the docket to be processed to be reimbursed. The State does not like offices to have petty cash funds and there are issues when an Elected Official leaves the office. The Auditor asked for permission to look at other solutions such as looking into a low limit credit card under the umbrella of the Commissioners, to purchase the needed items. The bill can be paid out of the Jury Fee fund as soon as it comes in. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the Auditor to proceed. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INTERNET USAGE

The Board of Commissioners discussed the issue of an employee who they felt had violated the County e-mail policy. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to have IT Director John Evans block the county e-mail usage for Rhonda Trexler, 1st Deputy Recorder until December 31, 2013. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PERSONNEL POLICY

The Board requested a list of all employees who had signed and turned in the signature sheet from the Personnel Policy Handbook. The Recorder turned in the sheets for her employees, however, she marked out the word "comply" in the sentence stating "I understand that it is my responsibility to read and comply with the stated policies and any subsequent revisions", as she feels her employees do not have to abide by the Policy. The Board noted that they find this unacceptable behavior, especially from an Elected Official, as all employees are to follow the personnel policy handbook as set forth by the Board of Commissioners.

IT

John Evans informed the Board that he has received a request to purchase the old washer in the old jail. The Board recommended that he post it.

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

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley