

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
April 4, 2016

Commissioner Vice-Chairman Larry West called the meeting to order. Chairman Francis was not in attendance.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Kathy Brehmer brought in a report to be signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to sign. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS

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

HIGHWAY

Councilman Manning informed the Commissioners that he, Commissioner Francis and Mike Sisson had a meeting where they discussed HB 1001 and the possibility of getting a matching grant for the Highway. The Highway will receive 75% of the \$846,657 of the LOIT/COIT money being held at the State (which amounts to \$634,992) and the Highway could get a matching grant doubling that amount. In order to apply for the grant we would need an Asset Management Plan. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve sending out an RFP for the Asset Management Plan. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

CEMETERY BOARD

Linda Hutcheson, Chairman of the Cemetery Board, came before the Commissioners to address several issues that the Cemetery Board is dealing with. They are having an issue with the old County Farm property, which has a cemetery on it, but the headstones are all missing, so they do not know who is buried there or where exactly they are buried. The owner of the property said he would sign it over to the County if they got an appraisal so he could take it off his taxes. The Cemetery Board got an appraisal from Oldfather Reality, however the owner of the property thinks it is too low. The Cemetery Board has also paid to have the property surveyed. Commissioner West will speak with the owner of the land to see if he can get any more information.

The Deedsville Cemetery Board sent the County a check for around \$30,000 to care for the Deedsville Cemetery only. The County cannot deposit the check because the paperwork to transfer the cemetery to the County has not done. Commissioner West will check with the County Attorney to find out where the paperwork is in the process. Mrs. Hutcheson also asked if there was any central location that the Cemetery Board could keep their supplies and equipment. Currently it is scattered between different homes and technically it all belongs to the County and should be stored all in one place. The Commissioners will check to see if there is any space available.

The Cemetery Board has mostly new members on it so they would like to have a Commissioner in attendance if possible. Commissioner West stated it would be easier for the Commissioners if the Cemetery Board held their meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., which is right before the County Council meetings. Mrs. Hutcheson will check on the possibility of changing their meeting date to accommodate.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen brought in two LPA claims to be signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to sign both reimbursement claims (Claim 1 - \$1,450.82 and claim 2 - \$531.51). Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed.

Mr. Einselen also brought a release to be signed. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to sign the release. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

HOG BARN COMPLAINT

Mr. Ray Reichard came before the Board to discuss if there is anything he can do about the hog barn that is being built by his neighbor. Mr. Reichard has a produce and flower business at his home and is concerned that it will ruin his business because no one will want to buy things that smell like hog manure. He is not against hog barns, he works at one, but this one will be very close to his home and the wind blows the smell to his property. The Commissioners explained that IDEM reviews and approves all hog barn permits.

Mr. Miller, another neighbor was in attendance and expressed his concern over the smell as well.

Commissioner Hamman stated that they are looking into changing the ordinance to ensure that trees are planted to help block the smell.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Tammy Acree requested use of the west side of the Courthouse at noon on Thursday, May 5th for the National Day of Prayer Service, as has been allowed in the past. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

ELECTION SECURITY

Paul Wilson, 1st Deputy of Voter Registration, advised the Board that the Sheriff will provide security for the Courthouse during the 2 Saturdays prior to Election and Election Day, as recommended by the Security Committee.

BADGE AND KEY APPROVAL

The Board approved Badge and key approval forms for the new Assistant Health Environmental Specialist.

ASSESSOR

Assessor McAuliffe gave appeal reports to the Board.

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

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley