

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
April 18, 2016

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

MINUTES

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

NIPSCO

Erin Whitehead, Public Affairs Manager for NIPSCO, came before the Board to give an update on the Greentown-Reynolds Electric System Improvement Project. The project will not affect Miami County until next year but they are starting the construction phase and they want to keep everyone updated.

HIGHWAY

Mike Sisson, Highway Supervisor, ask the Board for permission to advertise for an RFP for bids on a loader. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COURTHOUSE 4th FLOOR

The Board received 2 bids for installing fire walls on the 4th floor. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the bid from Ryan Constable with the stipulation that the Fire Chief approve the method. The bid was for \$18,977. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HOG BARN COMPLAINT

Mr. Chuck Smith and his daughter-in-law, Nicole Smith, came before the Board concerning the hog barns in the Northern part of the County, specifically 1150N and 225W. Mr. Smith asked the Commissioners what their opinions of hog barns are. Commissioner Francis stated he wasn't crazy about them but their approval comes from IDEM not the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Smith stated that they are not following the regulations set by IDEM. The farmers are supposed to have manure plans, which they do not have, according to Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith called IDEM on April 28, 2015, and they did not come until June 8, 2015. By that time, the crops were growing and things did not look bad.

According to Mr. Smith, there are 41 hog barns north of 300. Mr. Smith and his neighbors are also concerned about the surrounding creeks. If it rains and the manure runs into the creeks, the creeks could be contaminated over a period of time due to the chemicals used. Mr. Smith stated that everyone has the right to breathe fresh air and it is the Commissioners responsibility to ensure that right.

Chairman Francis stated he understood where he was coming from, however the Board of Commissioners have no control over the decisions of IDEM and IDEM does not answer to the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners also do not have the right to tell people they cannot do something that is allowable by law.

Commissioner Hamman also stated that he completely understands where Mr. Smith and his neighbors are coming from and that they have a right to breathe fresh air. Commissioner Hamman said he would come out and test the creek water.

Commissioner West said he also understands but the hog barns bring a lot of tax dollars into the county.

If Mr. Smith does not get any response from IDEM, Commissioner Francis said to call him and he will make some calls on his behalf.

NEO POST

Chris Cheetem came before the Board and expressed his interest in presenting a bid for the machine in the Treasurer's office, which prints the Tax bill and Solid Waste bills. The Commissioners advised him to speak with the Treasurer, Assessor and Solid Waste.

PERU CITY

Mayor Greer, Dennis See and Bruce Carson came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss properties that have been through a tax sale and Commissioner Certificate sale and still did not sell. There was discussion on the possibility of the City taking some of those properties (within the City) and trying to do something to get them back on the tax rolls.

The needs of the 9-1-1 Center was also a topic of discussion. Mayor Greer said the City Council does see the need for the new equipment and does feel like they can work something out. There will also need to be a new Inter-local agreement for the yearly amount paid by the City.

IT

Jim Denniston informed the Board that there is a UPS switch needed in the Annex (Health and Probation Offices) and the cost is \$580. Commissioner West made a motion to allow as long as those two departments have the funding. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Tim Hunter, Security Officer, informed Mr. Denniston that there are some issues with some of his equipment. Mr. Denniston will call Koelinger.

WATER LEAK

Judge Tim Spahr came before the Commissioners regarding a leak coming from the 4th floor into his office. He also expressed concern that it is going on into the Recorder's office and some of the oldest books the County has is directly underneath where it appears to have been leaking. Commissioner Francis said the MC Contracting will be sealing that area on the 4th floor (which it appears it's leaking from) and place sensors that will notify MC and Judge Spahr if there is a problem.

Rhonda Trexler looked at the ceiling in the Recorder's office and the stain actually appears to be from a leaky valve in the past.

COMMISSIONER ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts is working on the lawsuit that the Recorder is involved in. There will be a conference call on April 21st and the Commissioners need to designate someone to make a decision on the amount that will be accepted. Commissioner West made a motion to designate Rhonda Trexler, Recorder, to make the decision on the acceptable amount. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen brought in 2 release and 2 LPA claims to be signed. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the releases. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the LPA Claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, informed the Commissioners that he had received the insurance check for his wrecked vehicle (around \$6,600) and has an opportunity to purchase 3 used police cars that are in very good shape and even has the lights still on them so all he would have to do is change the lens. He asked for permission to go before the Council to purchase the cars.

Mr. Marks also looked at a used Tahoe (\$19,500) that he felt would be a good replacement for the vehicle he wrecked.

4D

Peter Diedrichs informed the Board that child support collections are up 4% from last year and Miami County is ranked 7th in the State.

Mr. Diedrichs is in need of a cable for the scanner (\$344.08), Blue Ray (\$559.45) and a computer (\$481.00). He will pay for them out of incentive funds. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the purchases out of the Prosecutor’s incentive fund. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MAXIMUS CONTRACT

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

GIS TRAINING

The Auditor asked the Board if they would be agreeable to allowing 39 Degrees to do a free training for anyone interested in learning the changes being made to the GIS System on May 5th in the G.A.R. room. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SRI TAX SALE CONTRACT

Commissioner West made a motion to sign the SRI Tax Sale Contract. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BI-CENNTIAL COMMITTEE

Debbie Bowser requested permission to use the Courthouse lawn for a Bi-centennial event on October 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Vickie Draper requested permission to use the G.A.R. room the 1st Wednesday of every month (through December) for Bi-centennial committee meetings. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MANATRON CLEANING CONTRACT

Commissioner West made a motion to sign the contract. 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.

PAYROLL

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

WINDOW CLEANING

Commissioner Hamman asked the Auditor to put it on the calendar to have the windows cleaned every spring.

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