

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
June 6, 2016

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

PROBATION/COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT

Judge Tim Spahr spoke to the Commissioners about the grant the County received for Probation and Community Corrections. The grant contains funds for 2 new probation officers and 1 new Community Corrections officer. The two probation positions they are seeking is one High Risk Officer and one Intake/Evidence based Coordinator. Judge Spahr stated that Wabash County is similar in size as well as approximately the same caseload and they have 12 probation officers as compared to Miami County who has 6. Judge Spahr stated that they were there to get the Commissioners support to go before the Council to request the three new positions. Commissioner Francis asked what kind of strings are attached to the positions in the grant. If for any reason the grant is no longer available, the County is not required to keep those positions. Chairman Francis has concerns about insurance cost because even though the grant covers some of the premium cost, the County is self-insured and will have to pay the claims incurred. With three new positions and any dependents that could be added, would add a significant increase to an already stretched budget appropriation.

The Auditor asked why no one has discussed this grant with her. The Auditor is the only one to sign off on the grant, so when she received the e-mail that the grant was awarded and needed her signature, she had to tell the State she had no information and could they send her the information she needed. Auditor Lilley also asked who was going to be responsible for getting paperwork done and to her office in a timely fashion so she can meet her requirements. The person responsible will be Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer.

The Auditor explained the changes the State has made as far as grants are concerned. The State Board of Accounts used to have a 5-step checklist for auditing grants and it is now a 17-step checklist. There is no such thing as an in/out grant any more. Every step is followed for every grant no matter how small or how large. The Auditor asked if there was any request in the grant for administrative fees for the County. Susan Rice replied there was not.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

HIGHWAY LOADER BIDS

Mike Sisson made the recommendation to accept the bid from West Side Tractor Sales for a John Deer Loader for \$151,800. Gail Kuehnert from RPN Machinery, who submitted a bid for a Case Loader, said he understood it is the privilege for the department to pick the machine they want but his bid was less and there was not a significant difference between the Case and the John Deer. The machine they are trading in is a Case machine. Chairman Francis stated that there were 18 items marked no on the spec sheet they used to compare the bids. Boog Jones, Highway Mechanic, stated that the John Deer came the closest to matching the specs that were requested in the bid, with the

transmission being the biggest difference. The loader that the Highway purchased last year was a John Deere which will help with training and maintenance issues. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the bid of \$151,800 from West Side Tractor Sales. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 (Hamman opposed).

RURAL TRANSIT/YMCA

Kathy Brehmer came before the Board with a grant application for a 2017 mini-van, which requires a signature from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the grant application. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COURTHOUSE LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Sandy Chittum came before the Commissioners with plans for landscaping around the Courthouse. The Chamber and NIPSCO team together to do the project and it will not cost the County anything. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the landscaping project. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel-Sands informed the Board that she was going to need additional money appropriated for the fall election. Mrs. Sands is requesting an additional appropriation of \$22,083. Commissioner West made a motion to recommend the additional appropriation to the Council. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen brought in reimbursement claim #15 (\$961.70) for Bridge #159, to be signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the voucher. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen also brought a change order for Bridge 163 (additional stone \$8,158.17) for approval and signing. Commissioner West made a motion to approve and have the Chairman sign. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CIVIC PLUS DEMONSTRATION

Ahron Jones, Civic Plus, gave some background information on Civic Plus and demonstrated the web site designs their company has to offer. The Commissioners will take the information under advisement until June 20th.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller gave the Board an update on the jail. The number of out of County inmates is up. He asked the Board to support him in going before the Council to request two new jailer positions (request at June Council meeting). Commissioner Hamman made a motion to support. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Commissioners asked the Auditor to try to get the additional appropriation advertised for June meeting.

EMA

Kris Marks asked the Board if he should add \$12,000 in his budget for cars. Commissioner Francis stated that he did not feel like the Council would

approve that. He suggested that Mr. Marks try to find three more like the ones the Council just approved for him.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Mike Green submitted several request:

- *scrap old gas can and deposit money into county general
- *get rid of some old items that have absolutely no value
- *bring old files to put in his space on the 4th floor

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- *IDEM approval letter for Leedy Confined Feeding Operation
- *IDEM approval letter for Pine Ridge Pork, LLC for confined Feeding Operation
- *IDEM Notice of Public Comment letter for proposed air permit – Dean Baldwin Painting
- *service request log (Officer Hunter)

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

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice-Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley