

Miami County Commissioners' Meeting

April 21, 2025

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 2025-04-07 09:00: am
- Location: 25. Broadway Peru IN 46970 GAR Room
- Attendees:
- Commissioner Fred Musselman
- Commissioner Brenda Weaver
- Commissioner Mark Horner
- Auditor Annette Phillippo
- Pat Mooney, President Miami County Historical Society
- Beverly Parker, Interim Directo Miami County Museum
- Matt Maverick, Broadband
- Kerry Worl and Janice Hughes, Highway Department
- Geri Monroe – Peru Civic Center

Meeting Notes

- **County Museum Operations and Staffing**

Pat Mooney, president of the Miami County Historical Society, provided an update on museum activities. Recent efforts include repairing the awning on the auxiliary building after wind damage, replacing flooring with laminate to save costs, and adding casters to display cases for flexible event space usage. The Society has activated all committees, which now handle much of the work and provide regular reports. Two amendments to the constitutional bylaws are being updated. The selection committee has begun the process of hiring a full-time director, with applications being received. The chosen candidate will be presented to the board for approval. Once a director is hired, the process to hire an archivist will begin, with the new director involved in that selection. Surveys of the museum basement have been conducted, revealing many items that cannot be displayed; once an archivist is hired, a time-consuming process will begin to sort, possibly sell, or otherwise manage these items to benefit the museum financially. The Society is currently sponsoring an Indian artifact display and is seeking additional sponsors for other exhibits.

- **Architectural Services for Museum**
 There was discussion about delays in the architect's response after the contract for museum work was signed. Despite multiple follow-ups over at least two months, there has been no progress or site visit from the architect. Commissioner Musselman expressed frustration and plans to continue pursuing a response.
- **Museum Meetings and Public Engagement**
 Regular museum meetings are now held on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 PM on the first floor of the museum. The public and board members are welcome to attend, with snacks provided. Beverly Parker, the interim director, is available for questions or to provide tours of the museum.
- **Broadband Infrastructure Project**
 Matt Maverick reported on the ongoing fiber installation in southern Miami County. Strain has been installed on poles, and fiber lashing is nearly complete, with almost all of the 23-mile build finished. Five miles of plowing have been completed. The project did not receive round one BEAD funding, possibly due to larger companies offering a higher local match; round two will be pursued, with a significant portion of the county still up for bid. The minimum bid required a 25% local match, with 75% requested from the federal government. Construction will continue for electric members regardless of funding, as directed by the board. Outreach to residents will increase as areas go live, with plans to contact those along the route for service drops and installations. The Envoy cabinet is in place and awaiting power before service can begin. Residents are encouraged to update their contact information via the website, phone, or email, and to join the interest list for notification when service is available. Texting is being used for outreach, and residents are assured that legitimate communications from the project team may come via text.
- **Salt Pit Repairs**
 Kerry Worl updated that Strong Construction was hired for \$5,800 to repair the salt shed up north, including removing old boards, installing new ones, and clearing dirt from the sides for access. Additional costs may arise depending on the condition of the posts once work begins.
- **Equipment Purchase**
 Kerry Worl advised that they purchased a paver from McAllister's, model 555, year 2020, for \$77,000.
- **Bridge and Gas Line Coordination**
 There was discussion by Janice Hughes about the upcoming bridge replacement and the need to relocate a gas line, which has had a leak for several years. Utility coordination is ongoing, and unresolved issues could delay the project. The letting date for the bridge project is December 2026, with two letting dates scheduled for next year.

- Kerry Worl stated there was an ongoing issue with semi-tire dumping in remote areas and open ditch maintenance,
- **Upcoming System Event Invitation**
Geri Monroe with the Peru Civic Center offered a personal invitation to attend the upcoming open house at the Civic Center on Saturday April 26th, 2025, which was described as promising day of fun.
- **Minutes Approval**
Motion to approve Minutes from April 7, 2025 by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0
- **Payroll Approval**
Formal approval needed for payroll processed out-of-docket due to a three-week pay period. Motion to approve payroll by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0
- **Claims Approval**
Motion to approve Claims by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0
- **FMLA Requests**
Auditor Annette Phillippo notified the Commissioners three employees have requested FMLA. No names were disclosed in compliance with HIPAA regulations.
- **Live Stream Requirements for Meetings**
Clarification by Attorney Mark Frantz was if meetings held outside executive or council chambers, or township trustee offices, do not require live streaming.
- **Adjourn**
Motion to Adjourn meeting by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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Keith Musselman


_____, Vice Chairman
Brenda Weaver


_____, Member
Mark Horner

Attest: 
_____, Auditor
Annette Phillippo

Miami County Historical Society, Inc. Board of Directors

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Budget worksheet for 2025

Ordinary Income/Expense	Annual 2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Income		
4000 · Museum Admissions	4,000.00	4,000.00
4100 · Archives Fees and Donations	1,000.00	100.00
		4,100.00
4200 · DUES		
4201 · General Memberships	1,000.00	2,000.00
4204 · Friend of the Museum	1,000.00	4,000.00
4205 · Corporate Sponsor	1,000.00	1,500.00
4206 · Cole Porter Paris Sponsorship	1,000.00	300.00
4207 · Cole Porter Manhattan Sponsorsh	1,000.00	300.00
4208 · Senger Store Beautiful Sponsors	1,000.00	300.00
4209 · Senger Truly a Good Store Spons	1,000.00	300.00
4210 · PT Sponsor "Sign of the Times"	1,000.00	300.00
4211 · PT Sponsor "In Black and White"	1,000.00	300.00
4212 · "Bearss Hotel" Sponsor	1,000.00	300.00
4213 · "Red Coach Inn" Bearss Hotel	1,000.00	300.00
4214 · "Under the Big Top" Sponsorship	1,000.00	300.00
4215 · Circus "May All Your Days" Spon	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 4200 · DUES	13,000.00	11,200.00
4216 · Senior cord exhibit	0.00	400.00
4250 · Miami County Support	90,000.00	160,000.00
4300 · Interest Income	2,500.00	2,500.00
		162,900.00
4400 · DONATIONS		
4401 · Donations-Kroger, Amazon, Other	500.00	100.00
4410 · Cole Porter Festival	2,000.00	1,000.00
4411 · Halloween	0.00	400.00
Total 4400 · DONATIONS	2,500.00	1,500.00
4500 · Memorials	1,000.00	300.00
4600 · GRANTS		
4604 · Mark & Ola Hopper Charitable	500.00	500.00

	Annual 2024 Budget	2025 Budget
4605 · Margaret Fox and Betty Wilson	0.00	-
Total 4600 · GRANTS	500.00	800.00
4700 · ENDOWMENTS		
4701 · NICF Beulah Hoffman Trust	12,000.00	11,000.00
4702 · NICF Museum Endowment Fund	8,000.00	7,000.00
4703 · NICF R & L Ulery Mem.	23,000.00	22,000.00
4704 · NICF Marks Family Endowment	500.00	300.00
4705 · NICF Baber Conner Fund	500.00	500.00
Total 4700 · ENDOWMENTS	44,000.00	40,800.00
4800 · Reimbursements/Refunds/Rebates	0.00	
6000 · GIFT SHOP		
6002 · Exempt Sales	4,000.00	3,000.00
Total 6000 · GIFT SHOP	4,000.00	3,000.00
6400 · OTHER FUND. AND EVENTS		
6407 · Other Income/Facility Rentals/	1,500.00	1,200.00
Total 6400 · OTHER FUND. AND EVENTS	1,500.00	1,200.00
Total Income	164,000.00	225,500.00
Gross Profit	164,000.00	
Expense		
5000 · PAYROLL/PROF FEES		
5000 · Payroll/prof fees other	0.00	-
5005 · Other	0.00	1,700.00
5010 · Gross Wages-director	53,700.00	52,000.00
5011 · Gross Wages-archivist	17,200.00	22,000.00
5012 · Gross Wages-office/front desk	19,700.00	20,000.00
5003 · Payroll Preparation	3,000.00	2,000.00
5004 · Tax Preparation	5,000.00	4,000.00
5015 · Payroll tax	6,900.00	7,000.00
Total 5000 · PAYROLL/PROF FEES	105,500.00	108,700.00
5100 · OFFICE EXPENSE/B OF D		
5101 · Insurance	4,500.00	4,500.00
5102 · Postage/Mailings	1,500.00	1,000.00
5103 · Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,000.00
5105 · X-Mas Gifts/Lights/Empl Bonus/	500.00	500.00
5106 · Licenses & Fees/Newsppr/ELV/HLS	1,000.00	1,000.00
5107 · Bank Fees/Checks	500.00	500.00
5108 · Lunches/Special Occasions	750.00	500.00

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5109 · Museum Social Events	1,000.00	1,000.00
5110 · Donations/Memorials/Reimb	0.00	
5112 · Misc Office Sply (Flowers, card	0.00	
Total 5100 · OFFICE EXPENSE/B OF D	11,750.00	10,000.00
5200 · SENGER BUILDING EXPENSES		
5201 · Utilities/Comcast/NIPSCO	25,000.00	25,000.00
5202 · Building repair & maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00
5204 · HVAC/Repairs	500.00	500.00
Total 5200 · SENGER BUILDING EXPENSES	29,500.00	29,500.00
5250 · ULERY ANNEX EXPENSES		
5251 · Utilities/Comcast	5,000.00	4,500.00
5252 · Building repair & maintenance	500.00	500.00
5254 · HVAC/Repairs	500.00	100.00
Total 5250 · ULERY ANNEX EXPENSES	6,000.00	5,100.00
5300 · PHONE/COMPUTER		
5301 · Phone Service	2,600.00	2,600.00
5302 · Computer Software	0.00	
5303 · Computer Hardware	0.00	3,000.00
5304 · Past Perfect Support	550.00	550.00
5305 · ISP-Web hosting/domain	0.00	
5306 · Web Hosting/domain annual main.	0.00	3,000.00
Total 5300 · PHONE/COMPUTER	3,150.00	9,150.00
5400 · COPY MACHINE/PRINTING		
5401 · Copier Usage/Archives	700.00	700.00
Total 5400 · COPY MACHINE/PRINTING	700.00	700.00
5500 · EXHIBITS		
5505 · All Exhibits/Creation/Erecting	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 5500 · EXHIBITS	1,500.00	1,500.00
5600 · CONVENTIONS/DUES/SUBS		
5601 · Dues/Subs	0.00	
Total 5600 · CONVENTIONS/DUES/SUBS	0.00	-
5800 · ADVERTISING/MARKETING		
5802 · Advertising-General museum	1,000.00	500.00
Total 5800 · ADVERTISING/MARKETING	1,000.00	500.00
7000 · GIFT SHOP EXPENSE		
7001 · Inventory	4,000.00	3,000.00
Total 7000 · GIFT SHOP EXPENSE	4,000.00	3,000.00

	<u>Annual 2024 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
801 - Cole Porter Festival	500.00	
Total Expense	<u>163,600.00</u>	<u>168,150.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>400.00</u>	
Net Income	<u>400.00</u>	57,350.00

801 - Cole Porter Festival

Total Expense

Net Ordinary Income

Net Income