

Miami County Commissioners Meeting

May 5, 2025

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 05-05-2025 9:00 am
- Location: 25. Broadway Peru IN 46970 GAR Room
- Attendees:
- Commissioner Fred Musselman
- Commissioner Brenda Weaver
- Commissioner Mark Horner
- Auditor Annette Phillippo
- Molly Grant – 911
- Kerry Worl – Highway Dept
- Stacy Gaunt – YMCA Transit
- Attorney Mark Frantz

Meeting Notes

- **911 Part-Time Work Hours & Staffing Adjustments**
Molly Grant discussed that they have a couple full time employees leaving the department and during the replacement time she is asking that her part time employee be permitted to work extra hours beyond the standard 28 hours per week. A motion by Commissioner Weaver and second by Commissioner Horner to permit the part-time employee to temporarily exceed 28 hours per week. Motion Passed 3-0.
- Health Department Board Member appointment. Mark Frantz presented a list of 3 candidates that the Major recommended to the BOC to select from. Commissioner Weaver agreed to interview each candidate and come back to the BOC with a recommendation.
- Highway Department
 1. Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent, informed the Board of Commissioners *BOC that the south-end foreman is retiring on Monday, May 12, 2025. Kerry said we would move our current Assistant Foreman to the Foreman position and not replace the assistant. The Highway Department will save approximately \$79,000 in wages and benefits and eliminate a take-home truck.

2. For approval and signature, Janice Hughes, Office Manager/ERC, presented the Annual Operational Report 2024 to the BOC and Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent. The report was signed and approved.
3. Janice Hughes introduced Chad Watson, Asst. Foreman at the Miami County Highway Department, and Colin Sullivan, Consultant from BF&S Engineering

Janice Hughes informed the BOC that there would be NO second Call for the Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG) 2025-2. Colin Sullivan told the BOC that a new Legislative House Bill was passed to eliminate CCMG 2nd call, and more details and interpretation will follow from INDOT.

Janice and Colin informed the BOC of some of the CCMG AWARD changes

- INDOT is changing the application process
 - The CCMG program was cut two-thirds...so fewer awards for locals.
 - The current award CAP amount of 1.5 million is still to be determined; it could go lower!
 - 80/20 State/local match.
 - Project must be shovel-ready and, if awarded under contract in three months.
4. Janice Hughes told the BOC that the county-wide Bridge Inspection would begin the week of May 12th at the Kelly Ave. bridge #159, requiring traffic control and partial road closure. Janice will notify the City of PERU and Central Dispatch of this inspection and partial road closure.
 5. Janice Hughes, ERC for CCMG Grants, recommended that the Highway Department continue to move forward with replacing the Culvert Structure on Wabash Road, which only has a 10-ton weight limit. We hope to improve our chances of the CCMG 2026, to ensure it is shovel-ready.

Motion by Commissioner Horner to continue plans to replace the small structure on Wabash Road. Seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

- **INDOT Grants 2025-2026**

Stacy Gaunt, with YMCA Transit program, presented the first quarter report. Mrs. Gaunt indicated that she has been working on the 2026 INDOT grant, the current request is approximately \$578,926, with INDOT covering 50%. The board also plans to request funding for two replacement vans at \$75,000 each (with INDOT covering 85%, requiring a local match of \$11,250 per vehicle). Mrs. Gaunt requested Commissioner Musselman to sign the grant documents. Auditor Phillippo attested.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the quarterly report. Commissioner Horner seconded. Motion passed 3-0

- **Contract Modifications**

Prior to the meeting Jim Deniston sent an email to the BOC asking that they review and approve the cancellation of a three-year AT&T contract. There are only 5 fax lines still in use. Jim recommended that we move those lines over to level 365 for \$120 per month. There would be a one-time cost of \$900 for the ata devices. The 2 lines needed for the elevators we can get through Comcast for an additional \$120 per month.

Motion to cancel the current ATT Centrex lines agreement was made by Commissioner Horner, Commissioner Weaver Seconded, approved 3-0. Auditor Phillippo will notify ATT of the intent to cancel before the May 22nd deadline.

- **Minutes approval**

Motion to approve Minutes from April 21, 2025 by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, approved 3-0

- **Payroll Approval**

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

- **Scanners**

Janice Hughes presented a quote from Jim Deniston she received this morning for two new scanners to be able to process claims from her location. Stating, Bree and I will need two printer scanners because they will have to be sent directly to Low Financial and not go through email. The quote is for \$1,096 and she asked if it would come from the Auditor fund or Commissioners since it is a financial. Auditor Phillippo asked if she was currently able to scan to email. Janice response was you cannot go through email. Motion to approve by Commissioner Weaver, Seconded by Commissioner Horner, to purchase out of the commissioner fund. approved 3-0

- **Prefabricated Kennels and Land Control**

Commissioner Weaver discussed the delivery and installation of prefabricated kennels costing \$85,000 as a potential solution to ongoing issues with the lease at Licklider, where encroachment has been a problem. There is a proposal to build a new kennel on county-owned land as a long-term solution for animal control, with the board considering this option for future action.

- Elaine Anderson asked about the minutes for March 3rd. Auditor Phillippo will review them today.
- Commissioner Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Horner Seconded. Passed 3-0
- **ADJOURN**

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


_____, Chairman
Keith Musselman


_____, Vice Chairman
Brenda Weaver


_____, Member
Mark Horner

Attest: 
_____, Auditor
Annette Phillippo