

Miami County Commissioners Meeting

May 19, 2025

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 05-19-2025 9:00 am
- Location: 25. Broadway Peru IN 46970 GAR Room
- Attendees:
- Commissioner Fred Musselman
- Commissioner Brenda Weaver
- Commissioner Mark Horner
- Auditor Annette Phillippo
- Sheriff Dept: Captain David Vitek, Tiffany Hostetler, Kassy Burt
- Jim Deniston – 10 Krypto
- Courthouse Security: Judge Spahr, Judge Grund, Judge Winkler
- Kerry Worl – Highway Dept
- Herb Hunt – EMA
- Attorney Mark Frantz

Meeting Notes

1. Jail Security System Upgrade and Compliance

Captain David Vitek spoke on safety and security

- **Current Jail Security System Status**
Discussion of the jail security system, which controls 209 cameras and all doors, is computerized and touchscreen based. Some components have failed or are overloaded, and the system is not meeting statutory requirements for state jail inspection.
- **Legal and Compliance Requirements**
By law, camera footage must be recorded and stored for two years (previously 18 months). The jail inspector has been notified of the current non-compliance and today's meeting.
- **Vendor Selection Process**
Jim Deniston attempted to contact previous and alternative vendors (Mid-State, Stanley) were unsuccessful. SAS (Security Automated System) responded quickly and provided a quote. SAS was chosen due to responsiveness and ability to reuse existing components.
- **System Upgrade Scope and Impact**
Jim Deniston stated that not the entire system will be replaced, only failed

or overloaded components. The upgrade will not require major downtime, jail shutdown, or evacuation.

- **Cost and Funding**

The total quoted cost for the upgrade is \$357,321. This is less than expected. Previous estimates included \$750,000.

- **Division of Responsibilities**

Cameras and storage will be handled internally under the county contract, while SAS will handle intercoms and other components. SAS keeps key parts in stock for quick replacement.

- **Project Urgency and Risks**

There is urgency to proceed before the state mandates action at a higher cost. Some equipment is delayed in customs (Canada).

- **Jail Security System Replacement**

Commissioner Weaver motion to approve replacing the jail security system for \$357,321, Commissioner Horner seconded, all approved 3-0 to pay out of the Rainy-Day fund.

Jim Deniston stated he will be starting next week on setting up the camera and audio system in the GAR room so the meetings will be able to go live by July 1, 2025.

2. Courthouse Security System

- **Courthouse Security Standards and Entry Points**

Judge Spahr lead off the discussion by review of Indiana courthouse security minimum standards, especially the requirement for a single controlled entrance.

- Judge Spahr covered security incidents, including weapons and drugs found in the courthouse, and the need for improved security to protect staff and the public.

Judge Grund and Chief Deputy Vitek mentioned that it had been 26 years since the first security committee meeting took place and Judge Grund feels as if we are not much further along than we were 26 years ago. Chief Deputy Vitek has been on the security team since it started and pointed out the extra measures that the Sheriff's office does to protect the courts. Especially during high profile cases.

Commissioner Musselman said that we are waiting cost estimates from Baker Tilly on the remodel and that Security will be the Priority.

Consideration of remodeling in increments, starting with the front door, and identifying necessary equipment and machines for security screening.

- **Parking Signage for Code Enforcement Officers**
Corey Roser request for a designated parking sign for Code Enforcement Officers.
Commissioner Weaver made a motion to allow for an additional designated parking space for Code Enforcement Officer, Seconded by Commissioner Horner. Approved 3-0
- **Health Board Member Appointment**
Commissioner Weaver will be contacting each of the 3 candidates and making recommendations at the next BOC meeting
- **Road Closure and Unofficial Detour for 19th South of Chili**
Kerry Worl announcement of an unofficial state closure of 19th south of Chili, with a detour route described to go 600 down to Paw Paw then back east to 700.
Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the unofficial detour, Commissioner Horner seconded, approved 3-0.
- **Contract Amendment for Bridge 144**
Kerry Worl presented a contract amendment for Bridge 144, reducing the contract by \$759,000. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve, Commissioner Horner seconded the motion, Approved 3-0
- **Storm Damage and Dust Control**
Kerry Worl gave a brief update on storm damage from Friday night and status of dust control efforts.
- **Antenna Placement on EMA Tower**
Herb Hunt has a request from Peru Utilities to place an antenna on the EMA tower due to loss of their previous antenna. Discussion of tower capacity and whether to charge for tower use. Mr. Hunt doesn't believe that currently there is no charge.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes and Claims**
Auditor Phillippo asked for reapproval of the March 3rd minutes and thanked Eliane Anderson for her keen eye. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve, Commissioner Horner Seconded, Passed 3-0
- **Minutes approval**
Motion to approve Minutes from May 19, 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

Chairman Musselman said he would publicly say he was present at the hearing on the 2-Mile zoning and was impressed with how Attorney Mark Frantz handled himself. Mr Frantz was well prepared and wasn't caught off guard.

Chairman Musselman said he spoke with Brandon from MC Contracting regarding a water softener for the building and is in hopes to have a quote in the next couple weeks.

- 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 Phillippe



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Fort Wayne District
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Fort Wayne, IN 46808

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Mike Braun, Governor
Lyndsay Quist, Commissioner

4/29/25

Miami County Courthouse
25 N Broadway
Peru, IN 46970

Re: Letter of Understanding/Unofficial Detour
Bridge Thin Deck Overlay
SR 19 Bridge over EEL RIVER, 00.64 Mile South of SR 16.
Contract: B-43799 / Des. 2100736

Dear Miami County Commissioners,

INDOT will be Bridge Thin Deck Overlay on SR 19 Bridge over EEL RIVER, 00.64 Mile South of SR 16, as referenced above. This work is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2026.

SR 19 will be closed to perform a Bridge Thin Deck Overlay, thereby creating the need for a road detour. INDOT will have an official detour over state roads as shown on the attached map (Attachment A).

Since the official detour is on the state highway system, an unofficial detour has been identified per contact with Kerry Worl, Miami County Highway Department. The unofficial detour will be E 600 N to Paw Paw Pike to E 700 N, as shown on the attached map (Attachment B) and is in accordance with IC 8-23-21.

INDOT will set up and maintain the necessary traffic control for the official detour or arrange with others to furnish the necessary items. The unofficial detour route will not be signed as any type of detour. Miami County will be responsible for signing any weight restrictions on the unofficial detour.

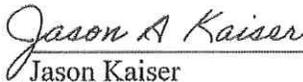
INDOT agrees to reimburse Miami County for costs related to damages on the listed unofficial detour, but reimbursable work must be approved by INDOT prior to the beginning of any work. All reimbursable expenses must be documented.

Once the District has agreed to the documented expenses, INDOT and Miami County must execute an agreement that indicates the documented expenses. This should be done after the INDOT detour is eliminated.

If the terms of this letter are acceptable to you, we would appreciate your concurrence. Please sign and return the letter to the attention of:

Ryan Kerr
Project Manager
INDOT – Fort Wayne District
5333 Hatfield Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
(260) 969-8264

Respectfully,



Jason Kaiser
District Deputy Commissioner

Accepted:
Miami County Commissioners



Keith Musselman, Chair

Date



Brenda Weaver, Member

5-19-25
Date

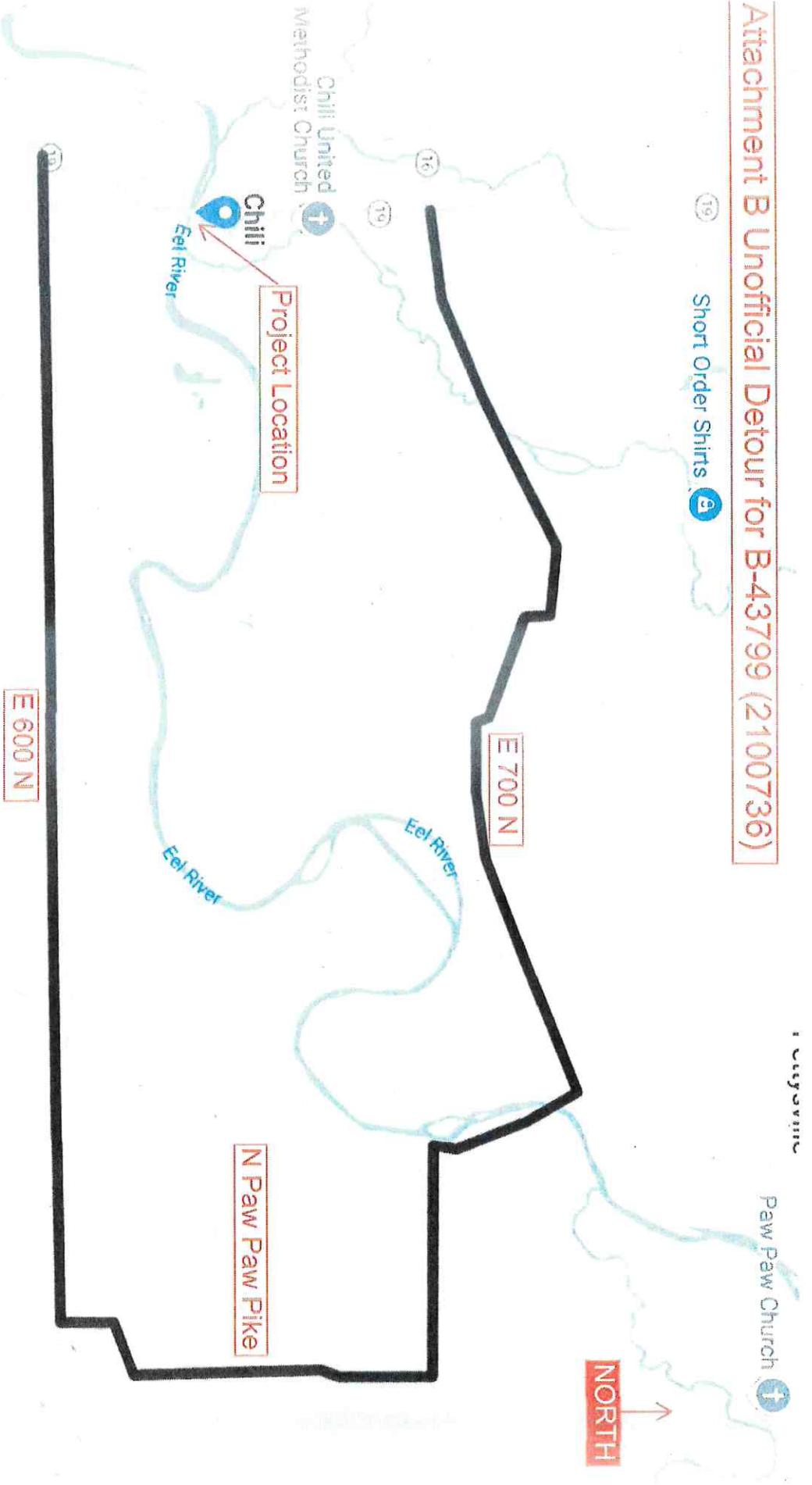


Mark Horner, Member

5-19-25
Date

Attachment B Unofficial Detour for B-43799 (2100736)

19 Short Order Shirts 19



CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of 5/19/25, 2025, by and between Miami County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "**OWNER**" and Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, Consulting Engineers, hereinafter referred to as the "**ENGINEER**".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, on August 23rd, 2022 the **OWNER** entered into an Agreement with the **ENGINEER** for professional services required for the Replacement of Bridge 144 carrying County Road 1050 East over Big Pipe Creek.

WHEREAS, the presence of bats was discovered using the bridge for roosting, and INDOT Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office required that the guano be tested to determine the species of bats using the bridge, thus constituting additional services and costs beyond the original agreement, and

WHEREAS, authorization to provide offer letters to landowners was not available within six months of the January 2024 appraisal reports, requiring them to be updated and

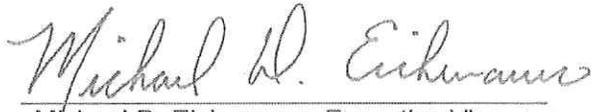
WHEREAS, authorization to provide offer letters to landowners is expected on or before July 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, funds within the current agreement may be reallocated to cover the cost of updated appraisals and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the original agreement be modified by this Contract Amendment No. 1 as tabulated in the attached Exhibit "A"; therefore, the not-to-exceed amount of this Agreement shall be reduced by \$780.00 from a not to exceed amount of \$259,685.00 to a not to exceed amount of \$258,905.00.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract Amendment No. 1.

CONSULTANT
BUTLER, FAIRMAN and SEUFERT,
INC.

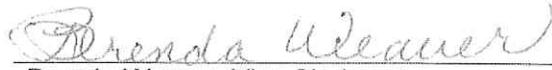


Michael D. Eichenauer, Executive Vice
President

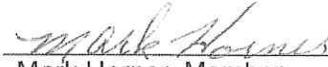
OWNER
MIAMI COUNTY



Keith Musselman, Chairman



Brenda Weaver, Vice Chairman



Mark Horner, Member

Attest:



Brent A. Friend, Right of Way Manager



Annette Phillippo, Auditor

Right-of-Way Services Summary



EXHIBIT "A"

MIAMI COUNTY BRIDGE 144 CARRYING CR 1050 EAST OVER BIG PIPE CREEK; DES NO. 2101764

RIGHT-OF-WAY APPRAISING SUMMARY

Parcel Number	Property Owners	Appr. Fee 2024 Estimate	Appr. Fee 2024 Actual	Rev. Appr. Fee 2024 Estimate	Rev. Appr. Fee 2024 Actual	Appr. Fee 2025 Actual
1	Joseph & Mary Savarino	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 780.00
2	Scott Brown	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 780.00
3	Thomas & Betty Smith	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 780.00
4	Susan Guion	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 780.00
		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,120.00
RW Services				Original Agreement	Supplement #1	Delta
Appraising				\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ (5,100.00)
Review Appraising				\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ (4,000.00)
Second / Updated Appraising				\$ -	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 3,120.00
Total				\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,020.00	\$ (5,980.00)

Agreement Summary



**MIAMI COUNTY BRIDGE 144 CARRYING CR 1060 EAST OVER BIG PIPE CREEK; DES NO. 2101764
Agreement Summary**

Scope Element	Original Agreement	Amendment #1	Total
Topographic Survey	\$ 22,160.00		\$ 22,160.00
Environmental Document	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 31,000.00
Road and Bridge Design and Plans	\$ 100,300.00		\$ 100,300.00
401/404 Permits and IDNR Permit	\$ 9,800.00		\$ 9,800.00
Utility Coordination	\$ 10,400.00		\$ 10,400.00
Utility Coordination during Construction Phase	\$ 4,400.00		\$ 4,400.00
Pavement Design	\$ 3,650.00		\$ 3,650.00
Bidding Assistance	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Post Bid	\$ 6,800.00		\$ 6,800.00
			\$ -
Establish R/W & Property Lines, R/W Eng Coord	\$ 5,400.00		\$ 5,400.00
T&E Reports	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00
Legal Description and Land Plats	\$ 10,400.00		\$ 10,400.00
R/W Plans	\$ 6,700.00		\$ 6,700.00
R/W Stake Out	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00
Appraisal Problem Analysis	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
			\$ -
R/W Appraisal Management	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00
Appraisal Fee	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (5,100.00)	\$ 2,900.00
Review Appraising Fee	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ -
Appraisal Scope Changes	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Second Appraisal		\$ 3,120.00	\$ 3,120.00
			\$ -
Potential on-call additional services required	\$ 3,100.00		\$ 3,100.00
Geotechnical Investigation and Report	\$ 22,875.00		\$ 22,875.00
Right of Way Cost to Cure	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
			\$ -
Total	\$ 259,685.00	\$ (760.00)	\$ 258,905.00