

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
JANUARY 21, 2020

Commissioner Hunt called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. All Commissioners are present.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITY**

Allyson Suman came before the board to request permission to set-up a table in the Courthouse to obtain signatures for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary petition. Ms. Suman stated that she would set-up for 2-3 hours on Friday, January 24, 2020 to allow people an opportunity to come in and sign. Commissioner West made a motion to grant permission for Ms. Suman to set-up a table for 2-3 hours on Friday, January 24, 2020 to allow people an opportunity to come in and sign the petition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**MCEDA**

Jim Tidd, MCEDA came before the board to present the Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-2022.

Steven Ray, Executive Director North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council came before the board to present the 2019 recap. Mr. Ray explained that NCIRPC wrote 16 grants, of which 13 were awarded. Grants that were written ranged from transportation to community development, providing a direct impact of \$6,109,548 to the 6 counties in the regional planning council.

Mr. Ray presented an authorization of submission for the blighted project demolishing the former base operations building. Mr. Ray explained he is currently working on a draft proposal to submit to hold the grant slot, but in order to submit, he must have authorization from the county, supporting the application. Mr. Ray went on to state there is a local match to the project of \$31,577.00, but at this time, there is no obligation. A public hearing will be held next week regarding the grant application. Once the public hearing is held, the proposal would be submitted and additional documentation will need review and approved by the board, Mr. Ray noted that Peru Utilities may apply for a grant for the wastewater project and if that were the case, the county would withdraw the application for the demo of the building. Commissioner West made a motion to authorize Chairman Hunt to sign the authorization to submit the grant. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Tidd spoke to the board regarding the appointments to the Regional Planning Council. Per the bi-laws, the appointments are made up of 1 from the Board of Commissioners, 1 from the Council, the Mayor, the Economic Development Director and 1 from the Town of Converse. Under the prior Mayoral administration, there was not an appointment, therefore, the Board of Commissioners made a 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment, currently filled by Bob Kling. Mayor Hewitt would like to serve on the board per the bi-laws, which means the Board of Commissioners would not need the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment. However, there is an at-large appointment available and the Regional Planning Council would like to maintain Bob Kling, who is interested in continuing to serve on the board.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 1/6/20 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**PAYROLL**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE PROPERTIES-RESOLUTION**

The board received Resolution 1/21/2020, assigning properties to the City of Peru for their blighted program. Commissioner West made a motion to approve Resolution 1/21/2020. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **VACCINATION FEE CHANGE-RESOLUTION**

The board received Resolution 1/21/2020 B, revising the vaccination fees and repealing Ordinance 1/16/2018 C. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve Resolution 1/21/2020, revising vaccination fees and repealing Ordinance 1/16/2018 C. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **HIGHWAY**

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer came before the board to present the estimates of \$1,333,000.00 for the projects that would be submitted for the Community Crossings Grant. Engineer Einselen will present Eagles Pointe, Mexico Road and Bridge #98 Deck Resurfacing as well as crack sealing projects.

## **HIGHWAY GARAGE**

The board received a quote from Smith's Excavating of \$24,372.62 for work at the Highway Garage, installing downspout drains and tile. Commissioner Musselman stated that it was hard to find anyone who wanted to quote the job and while it is expensive, needs to be completed. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quote from Smith's Excavating of \$24,372.62 for the installation of downspout drains and tile. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS**

Janice Hughes, Highway Bookkeeper and Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent came before the board to present the notice of invitation to bid for highway materials. The invitation to bid is as follows:

### **NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID TO PROVIDE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE MIAMI COUNTY MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR 2020**

Notice is hereby given that Miami County, Indiana, by its Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids for the following materials and supplies for use by the Miami County Highway Department in 2020:

- Item 1 Maintenance stone, gravel and sand
- Item 2 Liquid asphalts, dust control emulsion
- Item 3 Hot asphaltic concrete base, binder & surface
- Item 4 Patching materials, winter cold mix, summer cold mix
- Item 5 Gasoline and diesel fuel

Bidding requirements and specifications for the materials and supplies for which bids are being sought may be obtained from the Miami County Highway Department, 2180 N. Mexico Road, Peru, Indiana, by calling 756-473-7125, extension 2, or via email at [jhughes@miamicountyin.gov](mailto:jhughes@miamicountyin.gov).

Sealed bids must be received no later than 11:00 a.m., February 3, 2020. Bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to the Board of Commissioners, c/o the office of the Miami County Auditor, Miami County Courthouse, 25 N. Broadway, Peru, IN 46970. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids received prior to this time shall be opened and publicly read at 11:15 a.m. on February 3, 2020, at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting. Bids will awarded at the Board's meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners may accept or reject any bids, and may waive bid irregularities.

January 21, 2020

Alan Hunt

Mary Brown

Keith Musselman  
Larry West  
Miami County Board of Commissioners

Miami County Auditor

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Commissioner West made a motion to approve the advertising of the bid notice. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **HIDDEN HILLS ROADS**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to open the roads at Hidden Hills based on the boring results from DLZ. Commissioner Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0-1. (West abstained)

### **HOLIDAY PAY**

Sheriff Hunter came before the board for clarification on the holiday pay policy. Sheriff Hunter explained that there have been several employees in his department questioning the policy regarding holiday pay and the use of sick time the day before and/or after. Commissioner West made a motion to table the matter until their next meeting when they can discuss the policy and determined if revisions are needed. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **COURTHOUSE FLOWERS**

The board received quotes from Garden Gate for \$482.52 to cover the cost of hanging baskets and flowers/soil for the urns and flowerbed around the bell. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the quote from Garden Gate for \$482.52. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **SMOKER'S POLES**

The board received a quote for 5 smoker's poles from Maintenance for \$745.00. Maintenance explained the old poles are falling apart and the clips that hold the bottom are broken. The proposed smoker poles are more durable and have a metal core that lifts out for emptying. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 smoker's poles for \$745.00. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **PRINTER FOR VETERAN'S OFFICE**

The board received a quote from ABM for \$699.00 for the purchase of a new printer for the Secretary in the Veteran's Office. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to purchase a new printer from ABM for \$699.00 for the purchase of a new printer for the Secretary in the Veteran's Office. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **KEY/24/7 BADGE ACCESS**

The board received key 24/7 access to the Annex for Judy Robertson, DLGF. Auditor Mary Brown explained Judy is the county's field representative from the DLGF. Ms. Robertson asked about finding a space at the Courthouse or Annex to work, as her space at Cass County is too small. Auditor Brown found an office at the Annex, but Ms. Robertson would need access to the building because her work hours start before the county. Commissioner West made a motion to provide 24/7 building access to the Annex for Ms. Robertson. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The board receive 24/7 access to all buildings for Rick York and Jeff Eckelbarger, Maintenance. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 24/7 access to all buildings request for Rick York and Jeff Eckelbarger. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **PERU CITY PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to reappoint Sandy Fouts to the Peru City Plan Commission to serve for another term. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Elaine Anderson inquired about a date for an open house for the Highway Garage. Commissioner West explained the county was initially waiting on getting the outside grounds cleaned-up. Ms. Anderson noted that it has been put off long enough; the people want to see the building. Ms. Anderson feels an open house should be done before the farmers are in the fields. Commissioner West noted the goal would be to schedule when it was nicer weather and prior to spring planting.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Alan Hunt**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Larry West**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Keith Musselman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Mary Brown**