

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
JANUARY 7, 2020

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

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 12/16/19 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

CLERK

Sherry Raber, Clerk came before the board to present a contract with Dosset Consulting, who would replace Maximus for IV-D incentive reporting and reimbursement. Clerk Raber explained that Dosset has offered more education, training, help, etc. than Maximus. Clerk Raber would like to enter into a new 1-year renewable contract with Dosset effective January 2020 for \$6,000.00 per year. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the contract with Dosset Consulting effective January 2020 for \$6,000.00 per year for IV-D incentive reporting and reimbursement. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

YMCA

Kathy Brehmer, YMCA Rural Transit came before the board to present the reimbursement voucher for \$35,575.00 for the 2019 4th quarter. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve Chairman Hunt to sign the 2019 4th quarter reimbursement voucher for \$35,575.00. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Chairman Hunt turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair West for reorganization of the board.

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to appoint Alan Hunt as Chairman. Commissioner Musselman moved to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Hunt as Chairman by acclamation. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Vice-Chair West turned the meeting back over to Chairman Hunt.

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to appoint Commissioner West as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Musselman moved to close nominations and appoint Commissioner West Vice-Chairman by acclamation. Commissioner Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT/CONTRACT

Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Steve Downs and associate Mark Frantz with Downs, Tandy & Petruniw, P.C. as the County Attorney under a 1-year contract for \$25,000.00 per year. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL APPOINTMENT/CONTRACT

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint John Heeter as the Animal Control Officer under a 3-year contract for \$60,000.00 per year. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF CONTRACT

The board received the contract for Sheriff Hunter effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for \$90,000.00 per year. Auditor Brown noted that Attorney Downs and Sheriff Hunter's attorney, Jim Austen reviewed the contract. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 1-year contract with Sheriff Hunter for \$90,000.00 per year. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PERU PULBLC LIBRARY CONTRACT

Commissioner West made a motion to table the Peru Public Library contract for further review. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIDDEN HILLS/NORTH GLENN COVE

Rich Eldridge came before board to express his concern about the road leading to his home at North Glenn Cove in Hidden Hills. Mr. Eldridge noted that he has been to the board several times over the last 18 months and is becoming increasingly frustrated that county still has not done anything. Mr. Eldridge went on to explain that he has spent a significant amount of money bringing in gravel so they can access their home and not drive through mud and dirt because the county has not put in a road. Engineer Einselen explained that the Highway has applied for a Community Crossings Grant. If awarded, they plan to use millings from the project to place as a base on the area leading to Mr. Eldridge's home. Attorney Downs noted that if the county accepted the roads in Hidden Hills, they are required to maintain, not improve them in the condition in which they were received. Highway Superintendent Kerry Worl will go look at the road and see if additional gravel is needed.

Commissioner West requested to be on record that he has accused Engineer Ken Einselen of accepting the Hidden Hills roads several years ago. Since then, Commissioner West has found out that Engineer Einselen was pressured by former Commissioners to accept the roads, without his recommendation to do so.

MIAMI COUNTY WORTH REMEMBERING

Regine Brindle came before the board to provide an update on the display to be placed in the rotunda honoring women's right to vote. Ms. Brindle explained the display will be set-up on January 10, 2020 and remain until January 24, 2020 and will focus on national, state and local movement. Ms. Brindle also noted that several activities have been planned in honor of the centennial celebration.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Kerry Worl as the Highway Superintendent. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Jay Kendall as the Veteran's Service Officer. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Kris Marks as the EMA Director. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Ken Einselen as the Highway Engineer. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Mike Greene as the Weights & Measures Inspector. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer presented the following requests for buried utilities:

1. AT & T to place buried and aerial utilities at CR 200 W between CR 800 S & 9253 S 200 W. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request from AT & T to place buried and aerial utilities at CR 200 W between CR 800 S & 9253 S 200 W. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.
2. Centurylink to place buried utilities at CR 400 W north from CR 800 N. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request from Centurylink to

- place buried utilities at CR 400 W north from CR 800 N. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.
3. BSM Group LLC (for Comcast) to place buried utilities along and under West Lightning Avenue and boring under Bus 31 48” below the surface. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request from BSM Group LLC (for Comcast) to place buried utilities along and under West Lightning Avenue and boring under Bus 31 48” below the surface. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Engineer Einselen noted that there was guardrail damage on Bridge #82 at Lovers Lane/Meridian Road. Cost of materials to repair is \$900.00.

RECESS

Commissioner Hunt recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Finance meeting.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Commissioner Hunt called the Board of Finance meeting to order.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Commissioner Hunt as President of the Board of Finance. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Treasurer Annette Phillippo as the Secretary of the Board of Finance. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Commissioner West made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Treasurer Phillippo provided a copy of the cash & investment statement to the board for review. Treasurer Phillippo noted that she has invested less money due to lower rates with the federal government. Treasurer Phillippo noted that the total interest income did come in over projected even with the investments being lower.

Treasurer Phillippo introduced Jessica Rebmann, Financial Advisor with Turquoise Wealth Management. Ms. Rebmann explained that going into 2019, she had predicted it would be difficult to see any rate increases and in fact, the federal government cut rates 3 times in 2019. Moving into 2020, Ms. Rebmann feels rates will stay close to what they were in 2019 and does not predict the county earning a higher interest income for 2020. Ms. Rebmann went on to explain that the county benefited from locking in some investments for longer terms and expects the county to earn about \$120,000.00 in interest income for 2020. Ms. Rebmann also noted that Treasurer Phillippo has been able to bring funds back to the county locally and earn better rates over the last year. As long as Treasurer Phillippo is able to take advantage of better rates, it would only make sense to make the shift.

ADJOURN BOARD OF FINANCE

Commissioner West made a motion to close the Board of Finance meeting. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hunt called the Board of Commissioners back to order from their recess.

KEY/24/7 BADGE ACCESS

The board received a request for a key and 24/7 badge access for the part-time bailiff, Karen Cruikshank. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the key and the 24/7 badge request for Karen Cruikshank. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Hunt

Drainage Board
Solid Waste
Chamber of Commerce
Community Corrections
9-1-1 Advisory Board

Commissioner West

Drainage Board
Solid Waste
MCEDA
Dukes Healthcare Foundation
IT Committee
Security Committee
Safety Committee
Animal Control
LEPC
Planning and Zoning

Commissioner Musselman

Drainage
Solid Waste
Cemetery Board
Health Board
EMA
Museum
Wabash River Heritage
Community Corrections

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the appointments as presented. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hunter came before the board regarding a cooler at the Sheriff's Department. The cooler was originally purchased to serve a' la cart items to the inmates, but later it was decided not to provide the option. The cooler has never been used and he would like to dispose of it. Sheriff Hunter noted that the Denver Youth League has expressed interest in the cooler, but he was not sure what the procedure was to sell or dispose of property. The board would like to check with the Highway and Health Departments to see if it could be used in their offices before selling/disposing of the property. Commissioner West will contact a company that specializes in disposing of governmental property and see if they can provide assistance.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING ISSUES

Commissioner Hunt explained that it was brought to his attention that several Veterans are upset with the flagpole leaning. They received a quote of \$6,000.00 for a new pole, but Commissioner Hunt & Commissioner Musselman looked at the pole and did not feel like it was leaning that bad to warrant spending that kind of money. Commissioner Hunt would like to see if someone could help straighten the pole. Auditor Brown will contact the Highway Department and see if they can help straighten the pole.

Commissioner Musselman explained that the roof around the access hatch had been moving in the wind. It does not appear that there is any leaking, but feels that a contractor should come in and look at it and see if adhesive can be added underneath to help protect it from damage. Auditor Brown will contact the company who originally installed the roof and find out if they can look at it.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2nd 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