

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
JANUARY 19, 2021

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

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Redmon stated the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the vaccination clinic went well. The Indiana State Department of Health provided on-site assistance, which was extremely helpful to the short-staffed department. Dr. Redmon noted the Zotec system crashed due to the high volume of individuals attempting to register for the vaccine. By the end of Saturday, 177 people had received the vaccination and it appeared that many appreciated the ability to use a drive-thru service. Dr. Redmon thanked Dr. Guthrie who has helped in organizing the clinic and the staff, who are doing a great job.

Dr. Redmon noted that moving forward; the Federal Government will determine how the distribution of vaccines will continue. It is helpful that family members of the elderly register the individuals for the vaccines.

Dr. Redmon explained the county is still in code red and the infection continues to spread. Pandemic fatigue is setting in, which creates economic hardships because many cannot afford to be off work for a long period with the illness. Everyone must continue to do his or her part to help slow the spread of the infection, especially while we are in the winter months.

Dr. Redmon stated that anyone who is exposed should quarantine for 14 days, with testing done after day 5. Everyone should assume they or their tests positive if exposed. If symptoms present, obtain a rapid test and enter isolation for 10 days. The patient can return to work on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, but continue to wear their masks, practice social distancing, washing their hands regularly and sanitize their workspace.

Dr. Redmon would like current Health Nurse, Marie Nichols to obtain her badge and access, as she will be helping after she leaves full-time employment. Health Nurse Nichols would help as needed until July 1, 2021 or as long as she is needed. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve Marie Nichols to keep her badge and access to the department until July 1, 2021 or as long as needed. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Dr. Redmon would like to recommend increasing GerriAnn Braley, incoming Health Nurse's hourly rate to \$27.00 per hour. Auditor Brown explained the board would need to ensure there are adequate funds to cover the request and make an approval to recommend to the Council. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve a recommendation to the Council to increase the Health Nurse hourly rate to \$27.00 per hour, pending review of funding. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PROBATION**

Chief Probation Officer, Mandy Mavrack came before the board regarding the SBS contract to allow her department to go paperless. Attorney Steve Downs explained there were 3 issues with the agreement upon review. Since then, 2 issues have been resolved, but the remaining issue regarding liability of damages is still ongoing. Attorney Downs does not agree with the wording of the agreement and would like permission from the board to go back to SBS to see if the county could come to an agreement. The board would like Attorney Downs to continue to work on the agreement.

Chief Probation Officer Mavrack provided requests to the board to have the following employee's access to their county email on their county issued phones. Allison Campbell, Leah Campbell and Richard Shelton. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the requests from Allison Campbell, Leah Campbell and Richard Shelton to have their county emails added to their county issued phones. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Chief Probation Officer Mavrack requested new carpet in the Probation Office and lobby area. The board requested Chief Probation Officer Mavrack obtain quotes for review.

## **YMCA RURAL TRANSIT**

Stacy McBride, Miami County Rural Transit came before the board with the quarterly reimbursement request of \$132,710.00. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quarterly claim reimbursement of \$132,710.00. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **HIGHWAY**

Superintendent Kerry Worl presented the following bid for review for advertising.

**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID  
TO PROVIDE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,  
MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR 2021 YEAR**

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 2021:

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| 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 **8:45 a.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2021**. Bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to the Board of Commissioners, c/o the office of the Miami County Auditor, 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 approximately **9:00 a.m. or shortly after on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, at the Board's meeting. **Bids will be awarded the same day approximately 10:30 a.m.**

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

January 19, 2021

Mary Brown, Miami County Auditor

Miami County Board of Commissioners

Alan Hunt

Keith Musselman

Brenda Weaver

**Note to publisher: please publish twice, each publication one (1) week apart, with the last publication no later than January 23, 2021, and the following week, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids as presented. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Janice Hughes, Highway Bookkeeper presented the INDOT bridge inspection voucher for \$118,664.80 for Phase 1, starting May 1, 2021. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the INDOT bridge inspection voucher for \$118,664.80 for Phase 1, starting May 1, 2021. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **MINUTES**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 1/4/21 minutes. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **CLAIMS**

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

### **PAYROLL**

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

### **SHERIFF CONTRACT**

The board received the 2021 contract for Sheriff Hunter for \$90,000.00. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the 2021 contract for Sheriff Hunter for \$90,000.00. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner Musselman appointed Lisa Ford as the Environmental Health Specialist. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Musselman appointed Kris Marks to the LEPC. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hunt stated the board tabled the appointment to the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to appoint Commissioner Weaver to the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **OLD FURNITURE PURCHASE**

Auditor Brown stated Clerk Sherry Raber contacted her about an employee purchasing an old office chair. Auditor Brown stated the board needed to approve the sale and set a price. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the sale of the old office chair for \$10.00. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **AMBOY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The board received the agreement between the county and Amboy Volunteer Fire Department for the donation of a new ambulance. The agreement states the ambulance

would be kept in good working order, properly registered, licensed and insured and the Amboy Volunteer Fire would maintain all liability and release the county from damages. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the agreement with the Amboy Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

The board received new appointments for Jamie Ross, who will replace Diane Skillen and James Rudolph, who will replace Rafik Farag from 1/1/21 – 12/31/2024. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the appointments of Jamie Ross and James Rudolph to the Health Board. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **SOLAR, WIND AND ZONING ORDINANCES**

The board reviewed the following Ordinances:

- Ordinance 1-19-2021 A Amending and Restating Ordinance 11-16-2020 Regulating Solar Energy Systems,
- Ordinance 1-19-2021 B Ratifying Ordinance 5-1-2017 A Establishing Regulations for Wind Energy Conservation Systems and
- Ordinance 1-19-2021 C Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Specify Districts in Which the following uses may be located: Personal Solar Energy Systems, Solar Farm Energy Systems, Commercial Wind Systems, Non-Commercial Wind Systems, Micro Wind Systems and Meteorological Towers.

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the following ordinances, but send back to the Plan Commission for minor language clean up. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

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### **PURDUE EXTENSION**

Josh Wintrotte, Purdue Extension stated that 2/3 of the kids were registered for the 2021 4-H.

Purdue hired a program assistant, Kennedy Calloway who will be helping with the office and Jr. Leaders. Mr. Wintrotte explained Auditor Brown has helped in getting the details worked out for the advertising of additional office staff. He hopes to have the new positions filled and trained prior to the 4-H Fair.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheriff Hunter asked for clarification on the policy to pay employees who test positive for COVID as he heard the board might change their ruling. Commissioner Hunt stated the board has not spoken about or have intentions on changing the policy. Any employees who tests positive must use their own accrued time. Commissioner Hunt explained the county is uncertain of how tax income will come in for the next year due to the economic downturn from the pandemic and the county must be conservative in spending. Sheriff Hunter mentioned there is concern with the employees that other employees who are sick will come to work and infect everyone else because they would not be paid to be home. Auditor Brown noted that employees were put in a position to be exposed to sick employees when the Dr. Redmon recommended changing the policy in November that did not require employees to test negative to return to work. Auditor Brown stated employees need to remember a fellow employee recently passed from COVID and to consider how being sick and coming to work might affect someone else. Commissioner Hunt stated employees should use their accrued time wisely in the event they are sick, whether it is COVID related or something else.

**ADJOURN**

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

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Keith Musselman**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Brenda Weaver**

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