

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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PERU, IN 46970  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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

**IT**

Jim Deniston, IT presented a quote for \$6,570.00 for renewal of 3 years for Watchguard service for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quote for \$6,570.00 for renewal of 3 years for Watchguard service for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Guthrie came to the board with a request to purchase 4 laptops and 1 iPad for the vaccination clinic workers. Currently, the Health Department has a grant from Northern Indiana Community Foundation, which will cover \$2,000 of the equipment. Dr. Guthrie stated he could request additional funding from Northern Indiana Community Foundation if the cost were greater than \$2,000 allotted from the grant. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to purchase 4 new laptops and 1 iPad for the vaccination clinic workers. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

The board received an update from Josh Winrotte, 4H Extension that he would begin interviews for the county positions next week and that phone screens will begin for the 4H Educator on February 15, 2021.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 1/19/21 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 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Sheriff Hunter came before the board on behalf of a Sheriff's Department employee, who lost his home and all belongings to a house fire over the weekend. Sheriff Hunter requested the board offer the employee 2 weeks of paid time off to work through the details of the loss. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to give the employee 2 weeks of paid time off. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PLAN COMMISSION**

The board received a request from Corey Roser, Plan Commission Administrator to have his county email on his phone. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to allow Corey Roser to have county email on his phone. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kyle Johnson, Plan Commission Assistant Administrator presented a quote for a new copier from ABM for \$4,974. Assistant Johnson explained the current copier is not built to handle the amount or size of copies needed for their office. Auditor Brown stated the county bought out the lease last year and recommended purchasing the equipment as not to add a single lease to the account. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to purchase a new copier for the Plan Commission for \$4,794. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **BOARD UPDATES**

Commissioner Weaver stated she attend her 1<sup>st</sup> Historical Society meeting as Commissioner. The Museum is currently closed for 3 weeks so that they can perform painting and update exhibits.

Commissioner Weaver tried to attend the Library Board meeting, however had an issue with connecting via Zoom.

## **SNOW REMOVAL**

Commissioner Hunt thanked Jeff Eckelbarger for his work on the snow removal after the county received substantial snowfall over the weekend. Commissioner Hunt and Sheriff Hunter came to help, as the job was too much for 1 person, but thanked Mr. Eckelbarger getting the sidewalks and streets cleared for Monday morning.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The board discussed the duties of the Animal Control Officer and requested Auditor Brown see if he is available for their next meeting.

## **INDOT**

Auditor Brown explained there was an issue with the documents sent to INDOT for the purchase of the property in front of the old Highway Garage in Denver. The Board is required to authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign documents for Parcel 3 for the State Road 16 project in Denver. At their next meeting, after approval of these minutes, Auditor Brown will send to INDOT and should take care of finalizing the documents. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign documents for Parcel 3 for the State Road 16 project in Denver. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Weaver stated that she would be at the Courthouse each Thursday in the GAR Room for offices who have questions or issues.

**OCRA GRANT PHASE 3**

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director stated that the next round for COVID funds to support the needs within the community are available to apply for via grant. Mr. Tidd explained a team reviewed the needs of the community and feel childcare and mental health are the largest areas of concern at this time. Mr. Tidd explained the funding would be used to help childcare facilities hire additional staffing due to the schools requiring virtual learning. In addition, funding would be used to staff additional therapists at the 3 county schools to help students and staff deal with the isolation, changes with virtual & live instruction and overall impacts on the family. Currently, the program is offered to students who are on already enrolled in services through Four County or on Medicaid. This would allow the opportunity for all students and staff to take advantage of the mental health services. Mr. Tidd stated that Commissioner Hunt already signed the letter to submit a placeholder for the county without a formal commit from the county. The county would have to serve as the pass-thru agent as required by the grant. The grant would provide 90% funding and a 10% local match, which Mr. Tidd is confident the team can find. A public hearing is required to move forward with the grant application. Auditor Brown will add it to the agenda for the February 16, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Tidd stated that he has contact Hoffman’s Nursery to come up with a concept for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street County Employee parking lot. Seven Pillars Brewery is close to opening and he would like all entities to enter into a use agreement. MCEDA is covering the cost of the design concept and once completed, Mr. Tidd will present to the board.

**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**