

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
FEBRUARY 3, 2020

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marie Nichols, Health Nurse came before the board to request permission to purchase a county issued cell phone for her department. Ms. Nichols explained she currently uses her personal cell phone after hours and on weekends. The new phone would be shared between her and the Immunization Assistant during their on-call times. Ms. Nichols noted that there is not enough money in the current phone appropriation, but there is money in the utility account that could be transferred. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request to purchase a new phone for the Health Department for the Nurse and Immunization Assistant to share for on-call. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT

Jim Deniston, IT came before the board to present a quote for Microsoft Server Licensing. The quote covers 36 licenses for \$22,320.00. Mr. Deniston noted there is money in the budget to cover the cost of the upgrade. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quote for \$22,320.00 for Microsoft Server Licensing. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Deniston presented a quote from NotePage for a one-time cost of \$795.00 to upgrade the server for the paging system at the jail. Mr. Deniston explained the old server is currently 8 revisions behind and this is a system that must be maintained. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the quote from NotePage for \$795.00 to upgrade the server for the paging system at the jail. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

GRISSOM AIR MUSEUM

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director introduced Tom Jennings and Tom Kelley with the Grissom Air Museum. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Kelley both spoke about the B 58 Hustler currently housed at the Air Museum. Mr. Kelley spoke about the local history associated with the B 58 Hustler, the tourism it and the museum brings from people all over the United States. Mr. Kelley went on to note that several volunteers worked many hours to paint, update and maintain the aircraft, but the Indiana weather is causing it to deteriorate. Mr. Jennings presented a proposal to build a facility to enclose the B 58 Hustler, which would include an observation deck, memorial and artifact area and in addition, allow for facility rentals and outdoor concerts. Total cost of the project is estimated between \$350,000.00 and \$400,000.00. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Kelley noted they have currently raised \$130,000.00 to date and are requesting financial support from the county from CEDIT funds of \$100,000.00 over 2 years. Commissioner West made a motion to support the Grissom Air Museum to go before the Council to request financial assistance of \$100,000.00 over 2 years from CEDIT. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 1/21/20 minutes. 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.

PAYROLL

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

CLEANING CONTRACT

Garry Davenport came before the board to review the current cleaning contract and changes that will happen with the creation of the new Maintenance position with the county. Commissioner Hunt explained that there have been several issues regarding the current cleaning and asked Auditor Brown to forward the list of those items to Mr. Davenport for review. The board requested Mr. Davenport review his current contract and present an updated quote for monthly services.

TRECHS CONTRACT

The board received a copy of a contract for Community Corrections to participate in the TRECHS (Tax Refund Exchange & Compliance System) program through the Association of Indiana Counties. Auditor Brown explained the program would allow Community Corrections to intercept federal tax returns for their clients to pay for their court ordered fees. Attorney Steve Downs reviewed the contract and did not have any corrections. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the contract with the Association of Indiana Counties to participate in the TRECHS program. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY

The board received the Interlocal Agreement between the county and Peru Public Library. Commissioner West explained he presented the offer to the Peru Library that the county would provide reimbursement up to \$50,000.00 for 1000 cards for the county residents outside the library taxing district. The county residents outside the library taxing district would be responsible for paying \$25.00 per card. This would allow the library to continue to collect \$75,000.00, while offering the maximum 1000 cards the county would reimburse. Commissioner West stated he received an email from Peru Library, whom prefer to continue with the current contract, which allows for 1,000 cards for county residents with a county contribution of up to \$75,000.00, not requiring the residents to pay anything for a card. Commissioner Musselman stated that he does not feel like the library wants to negotiate on anything and at this point, not in favor of signing the existing agreement. Commissioner West suggested requesting utilization reports from the library and the board could discuss again at their next meeting. The board would like Commissioner West to request the records for an opportunity to review.

2019 PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL REPORT

The board received a copy of the 2019 Public Defender Annual Report.

ABM

Frank Rotundo, ABM came before the board to discuss the current copier lease. Mr. Rotundo met with Jim Deniston, IT a few months ago and reviewed all the equipment the county leases and presented a list of recommendations, which included replacing outdated equipment and/or repurposing equipment not meeting the needs of current departments. Mr. Rotundo presented an option of purchasing the updated equipment while fulfilling the remainder of the lease on the equipment still operable. The other option was to terminate the current lease and roll the residual into a new contract. Auditor Brown suggested the county consider option 1, to avoid entering into a new lease, which would last another 5 years. In addition, option 1 would also approve the recommendations of replacing and/or repurposing the equipment for the county. The county would pay \$35,280.00 for the new equipment and finish the lease of the current equipment, leaving the county owning everything by the end of 2020. The county would still carry the lease for the maintenance/service agreement, which is separate from the equipment lease. Commissioner West made a motion to approve option 1, where the county would pay \$35,280.00 for the new equipment and finish the lease of the current equipment, leaving the county owning everything by the end of 2020. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLERK

Sherry Raber, Clerk came before the board to present a request to hire KCS Group to shred the old county records approved under the records destruction. Clerk Raber stated that they have a few offices who need to bring their boxes down from the 4th floor, but total cost should be under \$2,000.00 for the service. Commissioner West made a motion

to approve the KCS Group to do county record shredding for \$2,000.00. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Anderson noted that she inquired about a date for an open house for the Highway Garage at the last meeting. Since that time, she spoke to a few farmers and they are not interested in RQAW being at the open house or providing snacks and asked her to pass the comments to the board. The farmers want to tour the building prior to planting season. Commissioner Hunt noted that Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent is working on a date and would like to make sure the department is through the snow season before setting a firm date.

HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS

The board received the following bids from vendors for bid supplies and materials for the 2020 year:

1. Item 1 Maintenance stone, gravel and sand: Irving Materials, Hanson Aggregates, Kokomo Gravel, Speedway Sand and Gravel
2. Item 2 Liquid asphalts, dust control emulsion: The Klink Group, Pierceton Trucking Co., Inc. Asphalt Materials, Inc.
3. Item 3 Hot asphaltic concrete base, binder & surface: Phend & Brown Inc., Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc., E& P Paving, Inc.
4. Item 4 Patching Materials, winter Cold mix, summer cold mix: Central Paving, Inc., Phend & Brown Inc.
5. Item 5 Gasoline and diesel fuel: Ceres Solutions.

Commissioner West made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer presented a request from BSM Group to bury utilities along CR 100 N. approximately 435 feet to service across US 31. Commissioner West made a motion to approve BSM to bury utilities along CR 100 N to service across US 31. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Engineer Einselen presented letters of financial commitment for the 2020 Community Crossings Match Grant application. The proposed projects are Bridge #98, CR 200 W over Big Pipe Creek for \$92,200.00, crack sealing on Wabash Road, Logansport Road and Blair Pike Road for \$61,981.80, asphalt overlay in Eagles Pointe for \$678,456.00 and milling and asphalt overlay on Mexico Road for \$500,337.40. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the financial letters of support for the 2020 Community Crossings Grant and to authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign the letters. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Engineer Einselen stated that he would be starting work on the bridge inspection contract for 2021 in the next month.

Engineer Einselen explained the construction inspection responses are due by the middle of March for the Wayne Street Bridge.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Judge Spahr & Judge Banina came before the board on behalf of the Security Committee to request hiring of a part-time officer to help with Courthouse Security. Judge Spahr noted that the Council has started the process of taking steps to put money back to help with funding on the Courthouse/Annex construction or reconstruction projects. Both judges would like to see a secure single-point access to the point to the building, but feel the 2nd Officer would help in the interim. Sheriff Hunter noted that he is in support of the single-point entry, but there are many details to consider and work out before the county implements the changes. Sheriff Hunter has concerns about putting in the single-point entry with x-ray machines prior to starting a construction project. It would put a strain on the system and not be any more effective than what we currently have in place. Sheriff Hunter is also in support of placing another part-time person in the Courthouse to provide 2 people at all times for security. Sheriff Hunter noted that originally, he considered \$15-

20.00 per hour, but has since learned that the FOP recommends \$35-50.00 per hour. Sheriff Hunter would like to start at \$25.00 per hour and see what kind of response he can get, as it will more than likely be retired officers filling the position. In addition, there is a cost associated with providing uniforms for the officers, which will require additional funding that should not come from the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner West noted that several factors, including after-hours meetings would also need to be something taken into consideration as the county works through the details of the single-point entry.

ADJOURN

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Musselman 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