

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
February 7, 2022

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

IT

Jim Deniston, IT came before the board with the following quotes for new equipment.

1. Quote 1089 for \$32,160 for 21 new computers for the Courts/Clerk. Mr. Deniston noted the old machines would be repurposed for aging machines at the Sheriff's Department for IDACS and at the Courthouse. This was included in the budget for 2022.
2. Quote 1096 for \$9,821 for Watchguard renewal, including Jail & EMA. This was included in the budget for 2022.
3. Quote 1105 for \$10,440 for 4 new switches and cables. Mr. Deniston explained it has been extremely difficult to obtain new switches and would like to get approval in the event he can locate to purchase. This was included in the budget for 2022.
4. Quote 1097 for \$4,700 for replacement of Highway Department server. This was not included in the budget for 2022, but with the savings on the switches versus what was budgeted, there should be funding available for the purchase.

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the bids submitted by Mr. Deniston for a total of \$57,121. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Deniston presented Quote 1104 for \$6,765 for upgrades to Microsoft Office for the tuff pads at the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Deniston noted the upgrade was requested from Intrasect, but they never ordered or billed the county for the upgrades. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve quote 1104 for \$6,765 for upgrades to Microsoft Office. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Deniston presented Quote 1095 for \$3,369 for an upgrade to Gary Glassburn's desktop computer for evidence viewing. Mr. Deniston noted the current desktop is not able to keep up with the large files used for evidence viewing. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve quote 1095 for \$3,369 for upgrade to the evidence-viewing machine. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Deniston presented Quote 1106 for \$18,500 for drive expansion of security cameras. Mr. Deniston explained due to the number of cameras we currently have, the retention has decreased to around 30 days as opposed to the 60-90 days previously retained. The board discussed the retention time for video footage suggested Attorney Steve Downs review any statutes to ensure there is not a requirement for retention. Commissioner

Musselman made a motion to table the request until Attorney Downs can do further research. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Miami County Highway Superintendent Kerry Worl presented a request from United States Geological System to place monitoring device on the bridge over Pipe Creek at 12 CR 125 W to monitor water flow. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve United States Geological System to place monitoring device on the bridge over Pipe Creek at 12 CR 125 W to monitor water flow. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY YEARLY BIDS

Item# 1 Stone, Gravel, and Sand:

- IMI, Quarry Peru, IN
- IMI Pipe Creek JR. Quarry, Swayzee, IN
- Hanson Aggregates Peru, IN
- Kokomo Gravel Peru, IN
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Item #2 Liquid Asphalts, (delivered, not applied, bid by gal. and ton)

- Asphalt Materials, INC, Warsaw, IN.
- Bit-Mat Products Ashley, IN
- Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Indianapolis, IN
- Pierceton Trucking Co. Inc. Warsaw, IN

Items #3 Hot Asphaltic Concrete Base, Binder & Surface

- E & B Paving, Inc., Peru, IN
- Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc. Wabash, IN
- Phend & Brown, Inc. Milford, IN

Items #4 Patching Materials (bid by the ton)

- Central Paving Inc. Logansport, IN
- Phend & Brown, Inc Milford, IN

Items #5 Fuel Products

- Ceres Solutions, Wabash, IN

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

HEALTH DEPT.

Dr. James Rudolph came before the board to discuss creating the School Liaison position using grant funding. Dr. Rudolph noted that previously when presented there were questions regarding the position, as the county would need to cover benefits. The Health Board has since decided it would be better to make the positions contracted and eliminate

the county needing to offer benefits. Dr. Rudolph explained the position would be a resource available to the area schools to ensure accurate reporting for COVID, COVID mitigation and control efforts, coordination of initiatives, identify external and internal recourses needed to meet required deadlines, direct support for vaccination clinics, testing, contact tracing and public education. Dr. Rudolph also stated that the position could help with various tasks of the Health Department. The position would be contingent upon grant funding and pay a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Commissioner Musselman stated that when the request was made before he spoke to school administrators, parents and school board members and none were in favor of the position. Dr. Rudolph explained the position is not in the schools, but at the Health Department and simply a resource for the schools to utilize for COVID. Many of the schools are having trouble maintaining and reporting the contact tracing, although it is a requirement by law to track. This position could help in ensuring the data is reported correctly and in a timely manner. Commissioner Musselman questioned if the contract could be terminated if found ineffective or helpful. County Attorney Steve Downs noted there is a clause where the contract can be terminated with 7 days written notice. Commissioner Weaver feels the position is important and knows the Health Department needs help as everyone is overwhelmed and this can offer another source of help. Commissioner Hunt had the same feedback from school officials and parents as Commissioner Musselman. The concern was students would be pressured to vaccinate or be of influence and the Liaison would allow vaccinations without parental approval. Dr. Rudolph reiterated the position is not located in the schools and they cannot administer the vaccination without parental approval. Commissioner Hunt feels that having the termination clause allows the county to terminate if the board receives too many complaints. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the creation of the contracted School Liaison position. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director presented the Miami County Disaster Emergency Declaration for Travel Restriction approved by the board on 2/2/22 for official signatures. The declaration was put in place due to the inclement weather the county received and requiring the board move to level “red” for travel. The declaration will expire within 7 days of initial approval, although the board has already reduced to level “orange.” Commissioner Musselman made a motion to sign the Miami County Disaster Emergency Declaration for Travel Restriction approved by the board on 2/2/22. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Marks presented the Miami County Rescission of Disaster Emergency Declaration for Travel Restrictions for approval. Mr. Marks explained there was conversation amongst other EMA Directors regarding approval of the rescission and suggested the board consider approving. Attorney Steve Downs noted the original declaration will automatically expire in 7 days, but does not hurt anything to approve the rescission. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the Miami County Rescission of Disaster Emergency Declaration for Travel Restrictions. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CHILLER BIDS

The board received 2 bids for chiller replacement as follows.

1. MC Contracting \$324,320
2. Quality Plumbing and Heating \$376,000

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award at the next meeting. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SRI

The board received a sales service agreement for SRI to hold the Commissioners Certificate Sale on February 24, 2022. 26 properties are available under the certificate sale. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the sales service agreement for SRI to hold the Commissioner Certificate sale on February 24, 2022. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

The board received a contract for grant administration services from North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council for the demo of Building 14 located at the Grissom Air Reserve Base. The grant administration services will be paid from TIF Funds issued to MCEDA and be at no cost to the county. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the grant administration services contract from North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council for demo of Building 14 at the Grissom Air Reserve Base. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 01/18/22 minutes. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COVID GRANT

The board received a letter for review and approval to request distribution of funds from the COVID Block Grant for services with 4 County for \$6,900. The grant covers the therapists in the area schools for students to deal with issues stemming from the COVID pandemic. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the request for funding and authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign the letter. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COURTHOUSE PLANTING

The board received a quote from Garden Gate for \$416.65 for the spring planting of flowers around the Courthouse. This includes 8 hanging baskets, 8 urn planting and

flowers/soil around the Liberty Bell. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quote from Garden Gate for \$416.65 for the spring planting of flowers around the Courthouse.

HIGHWAY BID AWARD

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent made a recommendation to the board to accept all bids for materials. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to accept all bids for materials. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent made a recommendation to the board to use the lowest bids and location for materials. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve using the lowest bids and location for materials. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SERVICE ANIMALS POLICY

Paul Daugherty, Courthouse Security asked if the county had a policy regarding service animals in the Courthouse. Officer Daugherty explained there was an issue with a patron coming to the Courthouse with a dog stating it was a service animal, but could not produce papers as requested. The board asked Attorney Downs to do some research on the matter.

ADJOURN

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