

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
April 3, 2023

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

Sandy Chittum, President County Council introduced Susan Kulla as the new Animal Control Officer.

**OLD JAIL DEMO**

Eric Woodmansee noted the lot to the old jail is complete and waiting to have the sidewalk work done. Mr. Woodmansee spoke to the Mayor and Board of Works and both are fine to redo the sidewalk completely. If the county decides they want to add any green space, it will need to go back to the Board of Works for approval as it would be different than the current aesthetic of the town. Mr. Woodmansee does feel 5<sup>th</sup> Street could use some repaving, but needs to speak to the City of Peru about the work. In the meantime, Mr. Woodmansee will work on getting quotes to cut the new curb and replace the sidewalk. Commissioner Hunt noted it would make more sense to not add the greenspace because it will allow for rebuilding in the future on the site.

**SRI CONTRACT**

Auditor Mary Brown presented the contract with SRI for tax sale services. There was an increase of \$25.00 per parcel for the upcoming tax sale cycle. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the SRI Contract for tax sale services. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Musselman made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

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

**PAYROLL**

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

**FLEX SCHEDULE APPROVAL**

Auditor Mary Brown presented a form to authorize the Veteran's Service Officer to work a flex schedule. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to authorize the Veteran's Service Officer to work a flex schedule. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. Commissioner

Hunt noted he was ok with the change, but the request should have been made prior to starting the flex schedule.

### **JEANS WEEK FOR CHILDHOOD ABUSE AWARENESS**

Auditor Brown requested permission to participate in jeans week to recognize childhood abuse awareness April 24-28. Employees must pay \$5.00 for the week to wear jeans and all money will be donated to CC's Closet. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to participate in jeans week to recognize childhood abuse awareness April 24-28. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **CHILLER UPDATE**

Commissioner Hunt noted the chiller has been in Michigan waiting for the final work to be completed before it is shipped for replacement. The chiller was built in Texas, but had to go to Michigan for finishing work. Commissioner Hunt will follow-up with MC Contracting to see if there is a ship date.

### **BRICKWORK-ANNEX**

Commissioner Hunt noted the board approved the work with Masonry Solutions to complete the brickwork at the Annex a few months prior, however due to weather and the time of approval, will most likely be may before the work is started.

### **ROTUNDA RAILING**

Commissioner Hunt noted the board agreed they want to install a metal railing around the rotunda. The Auditor suggested plexiglass, but the board feels that will get too dirty and leave fingerprints. Lonnie Bontrager is supposed to be working on a prototype.

### **SILO MUSIC VENUE**

Commissioner Hunt noted there has been nothing presented to the board for discussion on the music venue. Commissioner Hunt has expressed the board's sentiments to Director Jim Tidd, MCEDA on the project, but Director Tidd still wants to present to the board. Commissioner Hunt told Director Tidd the project will not be approved. Council President Sandy Chittum noted there are many questions to be answered and additional information needed before the county could ever decide to support the project. Commissioner Hunt noted what little information has been provided, is not accurate in his opinion.

### **COURTHOUSE SECURITY**

Sheriff Tim Hunter thanked the board for their support and use of the parking lot for the most recent court case and the publicity surrounding it. There will be a sentencing hearing in May and the Sheriff's Department will need to use the lot again for the Sheriff Deputies and media to park.

### **SOLAR PROJECT-HOWARD COUNTY**

Elaine Anderson noted that she recently attended a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on march 28, 2023 in Howard County regarding a solar project under Ranger Solar. Ms. Anderson provided the details of the project and noted there were many good questions and concerns raised from the audience, whom are not in favor of the project.

**OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

Gabe Greer asked the board if the opioid settlement funds for the county had been allocated. Auditor Brown noted the 1<sup>st</sup> round of funding was received and the restricted funds were approved for use to pay an additional Case Manager at Community Corrections. The unrestricted funds have not been allocated at this time.

**CHILDHOOD ABUSE MONTH**

John Walker, CASA requested permission to place the blue pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn at the end of the week in recognition of Childhood Abuse Awareness month. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to place the blue pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn at the end of the week in recognition of Childhood Abuse Awareness month. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**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**